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Israeli landing bid foiled by commandos

BEIRUT, July 20 (Agencies) — Israeli jets launched more strikes against southern Lebanon Monday after a combined air and naval operation against Palestinians, in south of Sidon during the night, the Palestine news agency Wafa said.

It quoted a Palestinian military spokesman as saying the planes bombed Beaufort Castle, nine kms north of the Israeli border for more than an hour on the 11th day of attacks against the Palestinians. Beaufort was pounded by Israeli planes Sunday.

During Sunday night, Israeli helicopter-borne units attacked Palestinian-Lebanese nationalist forces in a village south of the Mediterranean port of Sidon and an attempted landing from the sea was prevented by heavy commando fire, the spokesman said.

In Beirut, Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat said Monday Israel and the commandos were in a state of war and the Palestinians had "nothing to lose." In a rare news conference, Arafat told reporters the Palestinians sought a "just peace" based on the creation of a Palestinian state and the right of Palestinians to return to their homelands.

But Arafat Labeled Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin a terrorist and criticized U.S. President Ronald Reagan's administration for supporting Israel's anti-commando offensive which began July 10.

"We are as you know in the ninth day of the Palestinian-Israeli war," Arafat said, explaining that Palestinians had held their fire for the first two days of the conflict. "We are facing this decision, an American decision, through this Israeli military junta and we have to remember that this war has been given a green light by America."

Arafat spoke to reporters in his Beirut headquarters after a lengthy meeting with Gen. William Callaghan, the Irish commander of the 6,000-member U.N. peacekeeping force that serves as a buffer between the Palestinian commandos in South Lebanon and the Israelis.

Newcomers dominate in Poland

WARSAW, July 20 (Agencies) — Poland's emergency Communist Party congress closed Monday after radically changing the country's leadership in a drive to put new blood in charge of solving the year-old political and economic crisis.

In a secret ballot among members of the party's new central committee, an enlarged 15-member politburo was chosen Sunday night with only six representatives of the outgoing administration. In an earlier vote, the 1,959 congress delegates had shaken up the committee itself, leaving only 17 members of the old committee in the new 200-member group.

The only major sign of continuity at the congress was an overwhelming vote of support for party chief Stanislaw Kania when he was confirmed in office at the weekend. Reflecting the new political realities in Poland, the new politburo contains a member of the independent trade union Solidarity, 52-year-old Zofia Grzyb, who is also the first woman ever appointed to the party's top policy-making body. The new leadership team contained both liberals and hardliners, but appeared to be dominated by supporters of Kania's moderate "centrist" approach on reforms.

But with nine members of the new line-up virtually unknown outside regional politics, Western diplomats said it was too early to judge the precise course it would take on issues such as dealing with Solidarity and shaping new reforms.

The only survivors of the old 11-man politburo were Kania himself, hardliner Stefan Olaszowski, Prime Minister Wojciech Jaruzelski and Kazimierz Barcikowski, a close supporter of the leader. Foreign Minister Jozef Czyrek and Interior Minister Miroslaw Milewski were also elected. The upheavals in the top party authorities had been expected after repeated demands at the congress for a break with the past and for the removal of those associated with the discredited leadership of former party chief Edward Gierek.

But although Kania may face less opposition to his reform programs in the new politburo, there is unlikely to be any harmony of views. Counter-balancing Mrs. Grzyb's presence will be Albin Stwak, a bitter opponent of Solidarity and all liberal reforms who has vacillated Kania of allowing law and order to break down.

The new Communist leadership will face the urgent tasks of dealing with Poland's continuing economic decline, increasingly acute food shortages and new signs of labor unrest. In a speech to the congress Sunday, Jaruzelski said the government was ready to use "the full force of the constitution" to combat challenges to its authority. Western diplomats said this could mean declaration of a state of emergency to end any new outbreak of strikes or even military mobilization of workers in key sectors to prevent them taking part in stoppages.

Meanwhile, Hieronim Kubiak, a top official in Poland's divided Communist Party, warned at the close of the congress that attacks from critical hardline "forums" had to stop. "Enough of all these forums, regional and otherwise," said Kubiak, a new central committee secretary. "There is one party." "It will have after this congress one program and one leadership," he said to heavy applause. "We will oppose everybody who forgets about this."

According to dissident sources, a "march on Warsaw" on behalf of Poland's "political prisoners" is being organized here.

Britons ranked big tax evaders

LONDON, July 20 (AFP) — Tax evasion is a thriving business in Britain, and it is costing the state a fortune, according to American economist Edgar Feige writing in *The Journal of Economic Affairs* here.

A study of money movements indicates that at least 15 percent of the country's Gross National Product (GNP), or many thousands of million pounds, escapes the taxman's scrutiny, he said. Feige, a lecturer at Wisconsin University, estimates that about \$61 billion of income was undeclared in 1979 alone. This figure is about twice the estimate two years ago by Sir William Pile, tax chief at the inland revenue board, who calculated that 7.5 percent of the GNP was undeclared.

Feige said that if his figure was right, at present tax rates the inland revenue lost \$19 billion in tax.

Policeman vanishes

MARSEILLES, July 20 (AFP) — An investigation has started over the mysterious disappearance two days ago of a police inspector and four members of his family at Auriol, near here.

Police said that Jacques Massie's lilla had been party burned down and he had vanished together with his wife, eight-year-old son, father, mother and a friend. There were blood stains in various parts of the villa as well as in the boot of his burned-out Mercedes-Benz car.

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GOLF CART DRIVE: U.S. President Reagan, in a joyous mood, (above) drives himself and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt (left) for talks Sunday at Chateau Montello, Ottawa, where the "Big Seven" are meeting for a summit. The picture below shows Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau greeting Schmidt on arrival by helicopter.

Arab News exposure Suzuki warned of boycott

ABU DHABI, July 20 (R) — The local office of the Arab Boycott Bureau Monday accused the Suzuki Motor Company of Japan of conducting anti-Arab propaganda in marketing a new car which consumes less petrol.

Ahmed al-Sabbagh, deputy director of the ABB, warned the company in a statement that it risked an Arab boycott if its alleged anti-Arab campaign continued. The statement, carried by the official Emirates News Agency WAM, said the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Chamber of Commerce had been asked to limit Suzuki imports pending studies on further measures.

Sabbagh said the Arab Boycott Bureau head office in Damascus had been advised of the action. The row erupted in May when an advertisement about a new Suzuki car appeared in the West German magazine *Stern*. Some Arab newspapers described the advertisement as slanderous.

Arab News said then that the advertisement depicted the Arabs as "greedy people who did not care for the interest of car owners or for economy in the consumption of oil."

Western Europe hit by snow, rain

PARIS, July 20 (AFP) — Western Europe Monday continued to suffer crazy July weather conditions of heavy snow, rain and fierce winds without any change in sight. Heavy rains swept Paris and northern France and sun was only rarely glimpsed along the French Riviera.

Other capitals reported:

Bonn: Three days of continuous rain in southern Germany has swollen the Danube River and its tributaries. Serious flooding is expected if the bad weather goes on. The Zugspitze meteorological station on the highest peak of the Bavarian Alps (2,900 meters) Monday forecast heavy snowfall. In some places, snow is three meters thick.

In other parts of West Germany, the poor weather has not noticeably affected the tourist trade nor crops. The mass circulation daily *Bild Zeitung* headlined Monday: "Has summer already gone?"

Rome: Northern Italy was battered by heavy snowfalls and rain storms over the weekend, causing considerable damage in the upper Adige province. Thirteen persons were reported drowned off the wind-battered west coast in separate incidents. Landslides blocked the Brenner Pass and the Bolzano-Bressanone railway line for several hours.

Non-stop rain caused the River Adige to overflow its banks, flooding many villages. Five hundred inhabitants of Salorno had to be evacuated as eight meters deep water poured over part of it. Fierce winds swirled over the west coast, and coastguards were called out to help 12 boats in difficulties. Another 15 boats were damaged in several ports.

Vienna: Snow continued to fall at altitudes over 1,000 meters and numerous Alpine passes were blocked by snow Monday. In southern Austria, the Danube flooded its banks at Amstetten, 120 kms east of here. Navigation has halted on the Danube between Passau, on the border with West Germany, and Linz and Vienna.

London: There was slight improvement in the weather situation in Britain, where temperatures have been far below average for July.

Roulette-cheating costs Italians dear

VELDEN, Austria, July 20 (R) — Two Italians have been expelled after being accused of trying to cheat at roulette by using a gas-powered blow-gun to steer the ball.

Casino sources said police detained the two Saturday night and confiscated an apparatus combining an electronically-operated liquid gas canister and a nozzle hidden in a leather shoulder-bag.

The Italians stood next to the wheel and talked loudly, apparently to hide noise from their machine. They were handed over to Italian authorities at the border and the apparatus was sent to Vienna for examination.

Ottawa summit begins Leaders urge halt to border fighting

OTTAWA, July 20 (Agencies) — The summit of the seven most industrialized non-Communist countries formally opened Monday at Montebello resort about 100 kms (60 miles) east of Ottawa.

The first of four full sessions, which will run until Tuesday evening, started shortly after 9.30 a.m. local time (1330 GMT). Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau is chairing the session.

Much of the summit will be devoted to monetary problems and especially the consequences of high U.S. interest rates on other nations' economies.

U.S. differences with its main European allies on East-West trade and high U.S. interest rates emerged as key issues when the leaders met privately for pre-summit discussions.

The seven nations agreed Sunday night, as Israeli troops raided South Lebanon for the first time in the latest flareup of fighting with Palestinians, that a ceasefire was urgently needed on the tense Israeli-Lebanese border.

Officials said the Middle East situation would share the spotlight with economic issues at the two-day conference.

The government leaders of the United States, Britain, Canada, France, West Germany, Italy and Japan were meeting for their seventh annual summit since the series started in 1975.

Their foreign ministers discussed the mounting Middle East crisis Sunday night and were reported anxious and concerned over what officials described as a highly dangerous situation.

Sunday night, Reagan, Schmidt and the other government leaders agreed at dinner talks, which concentrated solely on East-West relations, that the West should build up its defenses while seeking arms control talks with Moscow. A senior official said they "demonstrated their determination to negotiate from strength at all levels for verifiable reductions in arms and that these objectives should be pursued in parallel."

Reagan, attending his first international conference, has insisted in his six months in office that a Western military build-up is vital to counter what he regards as Soviet expansionism. But he confirmed Sunday night that Haig would meet Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko at the United Nations in September and that U.S. Soviet talks on limiting European-based nuclear missiles would start by November, officials said.

He told the other leaders that arms talks could not be isolated from Soviet activity in crucial areas of the world and that the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan could not be ignored.

Official said he cited Soviet involvement also affecting Turkey, Southeast Asia, Yemen, Sudan and Somalia.

Schmidt and French Socialist President Francois Mitterrand pressed Reagan at separate meetings Sunday to lower high U.S. interest rates which have impeded West's ability to fight off economic recession.

White House counselor Edwin Meese said: "All countries concurred on the urgent need for a ceasefire." He said President Reagan had told his Middle East special envoy, Philip Habib, to do everything possible to halt the fighting. European officials said they were looking for a U.S. lead to help to reactivate peace negotiations.

King in Makkah

MAKKAH, July 20 (SPA) — King Khalid arrived here Monday from Taif to spend some of the last ten days of the holy month of Ramadan.

Spaak killed by estranged wife

BRUSSELS, July 20 (Agencies) — Ferdinand Spaak, one of the European Common Market's top civil servants, was shot dead by his estranged wife who later committed suicide, the Brussels chief prosecutor said Monday.

"At this stage of the inquiry, there is no reason to doubt that it was a murder followed by a suicide," acting chief prosecutor Jean-Louis Derock de Casterle told a news conference earlier, there had been confusion as to the identity of the woman, found electrocuted in the bath in Spaak's Brussels apartment Saturday, as Belgian police withheld details of the case over the weekend.

Spaak, 57, chief of cabinet to EEC Commission President Gaston Thorn and a member of one of Belgium's leading political families, was found dead in a passage of the fifth-floor apartment. His wife, Anna-Maria Farina, of Italian origin and in her mid-fifties had threatened to kill him several times, the prosecutor said.

The prosecutor said that the Spaaks had separated several months ago. Since then, Anna-Maria Spaak had gone about "saying or writing that she was going to kill him", he said.

Both bodies were found in Spaak's flat in Brussels by Gerard de Selis Longchamps, Mrs. Spaak's son by her first marriage to a Belgian diplomat.

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Pilgrimage committee prepares master plan

JEDDAH, July 20 (SPA) — The Central Pilgrimage Committee met here Monday night under Deputy Governor of Makkah, Prince Saud bin Abdul Muisen. It reviewed preparations for this year's season. Discussions dealt, in particular, with arrangements at the new King Abdul Aziz International Airport and the car parking at the entrance of Makkah.

It was reported Monday that pilgrims, this year, will be divided into seven categories representing geographical regions. It said that a pilgrim will freely choose his Mutawwef (group conductor) and will pay only SR374 for services and accommodation at pilgrim cities.

Sheikh Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasit, the minister of pilgrimage and endowments, said that a Mutawwef will be entitled to triple his quota in case he is chosen by the pilgrims, but that no one will be allowed to handle more than 3,000 persons, so that he may properly serve them.

The minister requested the authorities, inside and outside the Kingdom, not to make any agreements regarding the housing or other matters relating to pilgrims in Makkah, Medina or elsewhere without consulting with

Iraqi president meets Khuwair

BAGHDAD, July 20 (SPA) — Iraqi president Saddam Hussein Sunday night received Saudi Arabian Education Minister, Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwair. The meeting reviewed the current events in the Middle East and bilateral relations.

Dr. Khuwair arrived in the Iraqi capital Friday, leading good will delegation to participate on the National Day anniversary of the Iraqi revolution.

the ministry. He said that penalties will be imposed on those disregarding the instructions.

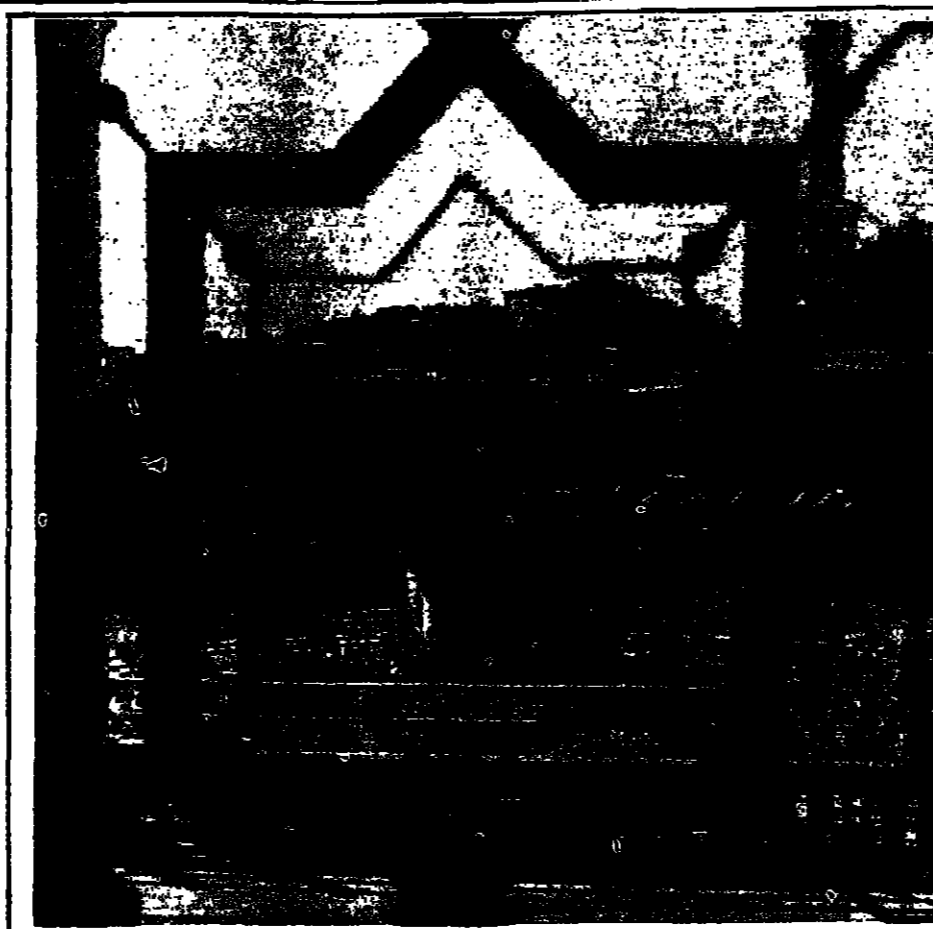
He advised all pilgrims not to live or camp in the holy Haram or nearby streets or squares in Makkah or near the Prophet's Mosque in Medina, to maintain public health and the cities' cleanliness. He said that pilgrims will pay an overall sum of SR374 for their luggage lockers at Makkah's entrances, their accommodation and other services. Accommodation will cost only SR80.

He asked every pilgrim to bring with him a check for that amount in riyals from a recognized bank or to pay the money to the United Agents Office or its representative at the city's entrance. As for countries applying the pilgrims' laissez-passer system, the amount could be paid through official missions.

Transport by bus belonging to the General Car Syndicate between Jeddah, Makkah, Medina, Arafat, and Mina will cost SR295, the minister said. He urged that the pilgrims to bring in a check for that amount to be paid to the syndicate. Housing in Makkah, according to the tariff fixed by the ministry, will cost between SR500 and SR800 throughout the pilgrimage period. In Medina, it will cost the pilgrim SR200 to SR300 to reside during pilgrimage season. A tent in Arafat and Mina will be within the limits of SR100.

Mutawwefs have been asked to escort the pilgrims from the date of arrival to the date of departure, to look after their comfort and to supply fresh and clean water, ice, electricity, servants, water closets and insecticides. They will help the pilgrims process their documents with the authorities and report about any missing pilgrims within a maximum of six hours.

A mutawwef will not be allowed to leave his quarters in Makkah (to go outside the city) without notifying the responsible board through an official letter.



HOLIER: The holy Kaaba inside the Haram in Makkah as seen from one of the windows of the upper floor of the mosque. During Ramadan the number of worshippers in the mosque is augmented by many visitors from abroad.

King gives SR1m for mosque, school

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, July 20 — King Khaled has donated SR1 million for the construction of a mosque and a school in Aleppo, it was reported Monday.

The money was given to Sheikh Muhammad Mahmoud Badanjaki, the head of the project's committee, who is visiting Saudi Arabia. The project will also include Quran memorization nursing and dress-making school for girls, a kindergarten, a Quran school for men, a Sharia school and a library, according to Al-Medina.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Salem bin Mahfouz donated Sunday SR1 million to the Welfare Society of Medina, on the occasion of the Holy month of Ramadan, to help build a house for the poor. Construction already

started. He has also offered the society SR10,000 a month, indefinitely.

In another development, the Permanent Committee on Religious Research and Counsel decreed Sunday that the Zakat (alms giving according to Islam) could be paid to Riyadh's Welfare Society which will give it to the needy. Riyadh Governor Prince Salman said Monday in his capacity as chairman of the society.

The Eastern Province Welfare Society, Sunday, received a new list of donations totaling SR598,500. The list included SR100,000 from Sheikh Yusuf ibn Ahmad Kanoo, SR100,000 from Sheikh Abdullah Al-Hamad Al-Zamel, SR60,000 from Avco-Dallah, SR50,000 from Sheikh Zayed ibn Nasser Al-Melehi, SR50,000 from Sheikh Muhammad Hamad Al-Mazrooh,

FROM THE GULF

ISLAMABAD, July 20 (SPA) The Kuwait Development Fund has provided a total of \$357 million to Pakistan so far in the form of joint industrial investment, balance of payment support and grant for development assistance. According to official figures the bulk of the amount was granted for a balance of payment support — \$130 million for current and previous fiscal years. Also \$100 million was raised for the capital of a joint investment company. Initially the joint investment company was to be set up with \$25 million, but its capital payment was enhanced to \$100 million. Following an understanding reached between Kuwait and Pakistan during the visit of Kuwait's ruler Sheikh Jaber Al-Sabah to Pakistan last September Kuwait signed agreements for providing \$58 million for three special development projects in Baluchistan.

ABU DHABI, July 20 (WAM) — Ahmed Reza Qadiri, an advisor to King Hassan II of Morocco arrived here Monday on a two-day visit to the United Arab Emirates. The Moroccan envoy said that he was carrying a message from King Hassan to President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan

Al-Nahyan, dealing with bilateral relations and the current Arab situation. Qadiri was received at the airport by Said Al-Darmaki, chief of the protocol department, and Al-Maki Kiwan, Moroccan charge d'affaires in the UAE.

ABU DHABI, July 20 (WAM) — The UAE Monday welcomed the Palestine Liberation Organization's call for holding an emergency meeting of the Arab Defense Council (ADC) to discuss the deteriorating situation in Lebanon in the light of the repeated Zionist aggression on the Lebanese and Palestinian people. UAE Foreign Ministry has agreed to attend the meeting and a note in this regard has been channeled to the Arab League.

ABU DHABI, July 20 (WAM) — UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rashid Abdullah conferred here Monday with Saad Abdul Majid Al-Faisal, Iraqi ambassador here. Bilateral relations and the current Arab situation, particularly the developments in Lebanon after the brutal Israeli aggressions on South Lebanon were reviewed at the meeting. Later, he met with South Korean Ambassador Philip Choi.

U.S. ambassador goes for talks in Washington

By Alan Kenney

JEDDAH, July 20 — U.S. ambassador to the Kingdom Robert Neumann left for Washington, D.C., Monday, to help President Ronald Reagan's efforts to gain congressional approval for the sale of five advanced radar aircraft and F-15 enhancement equipment.

According to U.S. embassy sources here, the ambassador will be available at the State Department for an undetermined length of time to provide assistance in the presidential sales effort. The envoy has not been scheduled for any formal session before congressional committees or officials, but he will be prepared to provide his services as the need arises, sources added.

Neumann first presented his credentials to King Khaled in June. At his first press conference in July he said, "I have every expectation that the sale would go through." Secretary of State Alexander Haig said earlier that in recognition of strong opposition to the sale

by Israeli lobbyists the administration would delay the informal notification to Congress until after the August recess.

But Neumann countered Haig's remarks by saying that he was assured by U.S. officials in Washington that the administration had no plans to delay the submission to Congress.

"President Reagan has stated on the record that the sale is a firm policy of the U.S. government and that it has very high priority. The Reagan administration is totally determined to see this sale through," he added.

More than half the Senate and House of Representatives are now opposing the sale. Earlier, Rep. Clarence Long and Rep. Norman Lent called a news conference and announced that 234 representatives are co-sponsoring a resolution to veto the sale. Fifty-four senators had asked President Reagan in a letter to cancel the sale.

Under U.S. laws, 20 days after President Reagan notified Congress of the sale, the administration will formally submit the package. Congress then would have 30 working days to decide on the deal.

By Saudi Telephone

Record performance claimed

RIYADH, July 20 — Saudi Telephone has begun its new fiscal year with record performance levels and service, according to the Ministry of Posts, Telegraph and Telephones.

In a statement issued Monday the PTT said the total of working telephone lines during last month passed the 465,000-level marking a new era of telecommunications. Some 13,000 lines were added during the month with substantial gains made in Makkah, Taif, and Dammam marking a net increase of 133 percent over the same period last year.

The ministry attributed this achievement in large part to its own training programs with 83 managers attending advanced courses during the month, the largest number ever. An additional group of 19 managers went to Canada to learn more techniques, while improved career conditions are attracting an ever-increasing number of Saudi Arabians to join the high-technology world of telecommunications.

Exchange capacity also improved during the month with 870 trunk lines added to the main post office exchange in Dammam. A 2,000-line unit was added for Layih, a 2,000-line exchange was placed in Khafji, and a 5,000-line exchange addition was opened in Arar, for a total of 8,870 additional exchange lines over the month.

The trunk network played its part in the expansion. International trunks also increased, bringing the total to 1,276. During the same period, 1,638 national trunks were added bringing the total to 63,607 national trunks.

As capacity and training increased, installation crews were able to respond to customer requests for service with a speed never before achieved. Ninety two percent of all service available. Riyadh and Jeddah districts made especially impressive gains in installation rates, helping all districts to accomplish this record-breaking speed.

Subscribers also benefited from an improvement in the percentage of lines operating without faults since 99.7 percent of all working lines were trouble-free. This is a vast improvement over the year, with a 40 percent drop in trouble reports.

When troubles did appear, they were quickly cleared by repair crews, over 80 percent of all troubles were cleared within 8 working hours.

The statistics of May meant that, when subscribers used in network, they were able to rely on good equipment and manpower. When a subscriber picked up the telephone he received dial tone within 3 seconds 99.6 percent of the time. When he called an operator, he got an answer within ten seconds 83 percent of the time — the highest result ever achieved for this indicator. With the advent of universal international subscriber dialing — direct dialing for international calls — over 78 percent of all international calls are now being placed by the customer, putting the work-load on machines instead of people. Over 37,000 calls per day are made with ISD, an increase of 10,000 calls per day since the beginning of the year.

Qasim gets SR217m

BURAIDAH, July 20 — Agricultural and water projects in Qasim will cost SR217 million this year, according to senior officials of the agricultural affairs department here. They told Al-Jazirah Monday that SR48 million will be spent on providing a water tower while other sums will be used to purify the water and build the house connections networks.

COMMENT

By Adnan Ahmad Badid
Al-Nadwa

Work in the field of journalism will continue to look like a bogey for those who possess the basic components to join this profession and to tie up their future to it. This is so because of a lack of tangible and sufficient securities for a happy and stable life of a journalist, who should find an impetus to devote himself fully to his profession and to serve his nation.

In order to do a successful job, a journalist should enjoy the maximum mental and psychological peace and comfort, so that he is able to carry out his obligations keeping pace with the country's progress and development.

Everyone who is blessed with the talent of journalism finds himself in a vicious circle, for he does not find enough securities for the future. Despite his eagerness to develop his talents and to employ the same for his country's benefit, he finds

himself compelled to keep off the field of journalism.

A journalist, in fact needs securities and many more advantages and privileges which his co-professionals enjoy in a number of countries of the world. For instance, some countries have provided modern housing facilities for the journalists who pay extremely easy monthly instalments to defer the cost of the house.

Similarly, many other advantages are afforded to a journalist so that he is able to devote fully to his profession without having to burden his mind with worries and anxieties.

The sector of journalism needs a reassuring concern and attention of the proper authorities. It is hoped that the schedule of journalists, which the Ministry of Information is to publish, will take into account the years of service and the journalist's performance while considering the pension rules and regulations for journalists.

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Decision shortly, says Haig

'F-16s linked to Israeli behavior'

WASHINGTON, July 20 (Agencies) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig made clear Sunday that lifting the suspension of F-16 jet plane deliveries to Israel would depend partly on Israel's cooperation in reducing the level of violence in Lebanon.

"An important aspect of the problem is to get a moderation in the current levels of tension and a reduction of the violence," Haig said on the "Issues and Answers" television program.

U.S. President Ronald Reagan pulled back Friday from a decision to resume shipments of F-16 jets to Israel following Israel's heavy attacks on Lebanon that included bombing of Palestinian positions in Beirut in which more than 300 persons were killed.

Haig said both he and Reagan have been following minute by minute the recent outbreak of violence in Lebanon and Israel and Haig believes a ceasefire may be possible. Haig noted that Reagan's special Mideast envoy, Philip Habib, had held one meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and a second was scheduled. "We will have completed our review by Tuesday and the president will be prepared to make his decision shortly," Haig said. Announcement of the decision on the planes was originally expected Friday.

In Tel Aviv, Israeli television reported Sunday night that Habib has told Israel that delivery of the F-16 fighters will depend on a ceasefire with Lebanon. But Israeli radio reported that Israel was experiencing "serious difficulties" with the U.S. over a cease-

Iran presidential candidate escapes assassination bid

NICOSIA, July 20 (Agencies) — Habibollah Asgarrowadi Musliman, one of the four candidates in Iran's July 24 presidential election was slightly wounded in an assassination attempt in Tehran early Monday, reported Pars, the official Iranian news agency.

Pars said one of Musliman's bodyguards was also wounded. Of the three gunmen who staged the attempt, one was killed, and the other two, one of whom was wounded, were arrested, Pars added.

Pars said Musliman "received a minor injury and is reported in good condition in hospital." The attack occurred at 08.40 local (05.10GMT) in Tehran's Iran Street. Musliman is one of the four candidates approved by Iran's Council of Guardians to contest the presidential election being staged to replace President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr who was ousted last month after being judged incompetent by Iran's clergy — dominated parliament.

The frontrunner is Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai.

The other candidates are deputy parliamentary speaker Ali Akbar Parvaresh and former Agriculture Minister Abbas Sheibani. Iranian officials had Sunday reversed an

Plea to ban W. Bank from Israel media

TEL AVIV, July 20 (AFP) — The committee for Jewish settlements in Judea, Samaria and Gaza asked Israel's supreme court Sunday to ban the use of the expression "Jordan West Bank" and other non-biblical descriptions of Israeli-occupied areas on the national radio and television.

Lawyer Elyakim Haetzni, who represents the committee, motivated his request with the argument that "Jordan West Bank" was "a relic from the days of the British mandate." He added that the use of such a term was "unpatriotic" — Judea and Samaria are considered by Premier Menachem Begin's Likud Party as an integral part of the biblical land of the Jews.

The committee also objected to "occupied territories," considering that rather than "occupied," they were "liberated." In fact, the Israeli media never use that expression, generally referring simply to "the territories" or, more rarely, to "the territories under control."

Karmal frees 152 Afghans

ISLAMABAD, July 20 (AP) — Radio Kabul reported Sunday that 152 persons held on anti-state charges have been released from jail in Herat city, an important Afghan provincial capital near the Iranian border frequently disturbed by freedom fighters.

The broadcast monitored here said the release was part of the government's "humanitarian" policy. It made no mention of Saturday's report of the triple execution in Kabul of persons convicted of unspecified acts and stealing state property. Those freed in Herat have now pledged to cooperate with

PIA hijackers to be tried next month

KARACHI, July 20 (AP) — The trial of three Pakistanis and their accomplices accused of hijacking a Pakistan International Airlines jet last March is expected to begin next month in Islamabad before a summary military court, informed sources said here Sunday.

During the hijacking, from Pakistan to Afghanistan and later Syria, a Pakistani diplomat was killed and 54 political prisoners were released from Pakistani jails and flown to Damascus in exchange for about 100 pas-

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fire. Speaking to reporters for the first time in weeks, Habib acknowledged that he had come to Israel to examine the possibilities for a ceasefire between Lebanon and Israel. He said he had "very serious" discussions with Begin and that the problem was complicated. A U.S. request for a ceasefire had also been transmitted to Lebanon, Israeli radio reported.

According to a radio reporter, Begin said that Israel sees itself as obliged to continue the fight against the Palestinians.

Meanwhile, in Damascus, a political commentator on the Syrian national radio network implied Sunday that Damascus could deploy new anti-aircraft defenses in Beirut in the light of recent stepped up Israeli attacks on the Lebanese capital.

In Moscow, the Soviet news agency Tass said the United States is one of the chief causes of the deepening Lebanese crisis. Strongly condemning the U.S. role in the crisis, Tass said that Washington had given the "green light" to Israel as shown by shipments of American F-16 fighter-bombers to the Israelis and the "significant silence" of Habib about Israel's "brigand acts" in Lebanon.

The United States is seeking to reactivate the Camp David Middle East peace process, "liquidate" Palestinian resistance and put pressure on Syria to "dictate a settlement to the Palestinian problem to Arab countries," Tass said.

In a related development, a former leftist earlier decision and barred seven leftist candidates, including three Communists, from running in the parliamentary by-elections here next Friday, Radio Tehran reported.

Nureddin Kyanuri, the secretary general of the Iranian Communist Party Tudeh, two party central committee members and some other leftists Sunday were judged "suitable" candidates by Iran's executive election committee. The committee, however, had warned that some of the 33 candidates for four vacant seats from Tehran districts for the assembly could be eliminated. The radio gave no reason for the disqualifications.

Meanwhile, in Baghdad, President Saddam Hussein said Monday Iraq was willing to grant political asylum to Bani-Sadr. Hussein told a press conference Iraq was ready to accept Bani-Sadr and other Iranian opposition leaders as political refugees, but not Ayatollah Khomeini.

He said the Ayatollah had "betrayed Iraq's bread and salt," a reference to the 15 years in exile Khomeini spent in Iraq during the Shah's regime.

Meanwhile, 14 Iranians were executed Saturday and Sunday for drug trafficking and political opposition, press reports said. Pars news agency and Radio Tehran reported the executions of five members of various leftist political groups in towns throughout the country. Pars added that nine persons were executed in the southeastern town of Kerman Sunday after being found guilty of drug trafficking and stealing weapons.

Pars added that Iran officials seized \$200 million worth of heroin. Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai inspected the haul Sunday. The men, described as "professional armed robbers and drug smugglers," were executed.

In another development, the newspaper *Ettelaat* has published an interview with a resident of Tehran calling for greater freedom for opposition groups on the grounds that opponents of the Islamic regime would refrain from bomb attacks if they were free to exercise their activities. With the approach of the July 24 presidential and partial legislative election, *Ettelaat* — an evening paper which takes a moderate line — has been running a series of man-in-the-street interviews.

Residents of the working class neighborhoods in the south of Tehran have essentially said they intended to "follow the order of the Imam Ayatollah Khomeini" and to elect a president who "believes in Islam and does not act against it."

the ruling party and regime, it claimed.

In Herat province, two rebel leaders identified only as Sadullah and Ismatullah have laid down their arms and surrendered to security forces, taking advantage of Afghan President Babrak Karmal's amnesty offer, the broadcast also reported. But the state-run radio said government forces were forced to move against a group of fighters described as bandits and servants of imperialism in Baghlan province, due north of Kabul, the capital. Chinese and Pakistani arms were recovered, it alleged.

Begin postpones visit to Egypt

CAIRO, July 20 (R) — Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin has postponed a scheduled visit to Egypt later this month, the weekly newspaper *Ma'ariv* said Monday.

The paper, published by President Anwar Sadat's ruling National Democratic Party, said the visit would now take place in August or September. Sadat invited Begin to Egypt when the two leaders last met, at the southern Sinai port of Sharm el-Sheikh in June.

member of parliament, Meir Payil, complained to Begin Sunday that the Israeli air raids into Lebanon had violated the honor of the armed forces. Payil, a general in a reserve unit, belongs to the Shelli Movement, which was shut out in the Knesset elections June 30, a university professor. In a public message to the prime minister, Payil said the present operations against Palestinian positions and headquarters in Lebanon "go beyond the norms of the code of honor the Israeli army has always observed."

He also said the attacks, ordered by a government that has only the smallest of majorities in the Knesset (parliament), were mainly motivated by Begin's desire to create conditions for the formation of a national unity government.

The Palestinian commandos said in Damascus Sunday they had blown up part of a military petrol depot at an Israeli settlement in northern Galilee. A Palestinian military spokesman said commandos infiltrated the depot, named as Kiryat Jad, near Safad, and planted explosives that went off just before Sunday midnight, killing or wounding several soldiers.

The explosion destroyed a number of petrol reservoirs and damaged the depot building, the spokesman said. Israeli security forces sealed off the area and arrested scores of young Palestinians suspected of being connected with the attack, which was carried out by a group working inside the occupied territories, the spokesman said. The bombing followed a series of Israeli air strikes against Palestinian targets in Lebanon.

Various Palestinian groups based in Syria Sunday called for an oil embargo on the United States, a ban of American products and the withdrawal of Arab holdings in the United States in retaliation for the intensification of Israeli attacks on Lebanon.

TPLF kills over 400 Ethiopians

JEDDAH, July 20 — About 404 Ethiopian soldiers have been killed and injured last week in clashes with Tigrey People's Liberation Front fighters, *Arab News* learned Monday.

A spokesman for the TPLF said the front's fighters intercepted an Ethiopian convoy, the 30th mechanized brigade named 'Mabrak', on the Addis Ababa-Meleke highway. In a five-hour battle, the fighters killed more than 200 and injured about 100, the spokesman said. The Ethiopian army retreated leaving behind various heavy and light weapons, hand grenades, pistols and cash which has been collected as taxes from Tigrean farmers in the winter season.

Among the captured equipment were two PRC 77 radio units, advanced Russian communications devices, two 60mm mortars and a 57mm cannon with accessories.

In eastern Tigrey, TPLF fighters took over a military garrison in Atzbi last week. During the battle, 100 Ethiopians were killed and one captured. Others fled to another military post. The spokesman said TPLF militia also attacked a convoy on the Axum-Enda Sillassie road, killed two soldiers and injured several.

The Ethiopian troops retaliated by burning two houses with families inside, the spokesman claimed.

Meanwhile, the TPLF's Relief Society of Tigry (REST), has built 14 clinics on the liberated lands. In the five million inhabited northern Ethiopian province of Tigrey, there was only one hospital with 324 beds built by the government. Now the clinics of 70 to 150 beds each — bring some 1,000 beds offering medical services to the people.

U.K. minister says PLO must join Mideast talks

AMMAN, July 20 (AFP) — Minister of State at the British Foreign Office Douglas Hurd Monday called for the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) to be included in Mideast peace talks.

Hurd, on an official visit to Amman, said the PLO should take part in eventual negotiations for a peaceful settlement. He could not foresee any solution as long as the PLO refused to recognize the existence of an Israel state and as long as Israel refused to recognize the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination.

The minister, speaking at a news conference, said he believed that the U.N. Security Council's Resolution 242 did not constitute a basis for a peaceful settlement because it made no mention of the legitimate rights of the Palestinians.

Hurd described his meeting Sunday with King Hussein as "very useful" but said he was "not optimistic about the general situation in the region."

Hurd said: "My discussions with the king and the government were very useful and we discussed Middle East question and the British-European role toward a peaceful solution including the Palestinian people's right to self-determination." He added that "there is no meeting scheduled between PLO chairman Yasser Arafat and (British Foreign Minister) Lord Carrington but maybe in the future when Lord Carrington chairs the EEC council of ministers." The British government had indicated that although Carrington would not meet with Arafat in his capacity as British foreign minister, he may do so on behalf of the European community.

Hurd, referring to Israeli air attacks on Palestinian positions in Lebanon said Britain had expressed its "deep concern" on behalf of the European Community over this violence. He added he hoped the PLO would change its policies in the area because "we believe that armed struggle does not present good results." "The British government believes that any peace talks on the Mideast should be shared by the PLO as a party in the dispute," Hurd said. Any solution should contain the recognition of the Palestinian peoples rights and the security of Israel," he said. U.N. resolution 242 which deals with the Palestinian issue should be amended because "it does not deal with the Palestinian people's self-determination."

Meanwhile an official statement said the Jordanian monarch had affirmed that "Israeli aggression in the region is the main cause of the tense situation in the Middle East." It added that Britain could play a major role in settling the Mideast crisis in view of its position in the European community.

49 die as Somali plane crashes

MOGADISHU, July 20 (AFP) — All 49 passengers and crew were killed Monday when a Somali Airlines plane crashed shortly after taking off from Mogadishu airport, unconfirmed reports said.

The plane was bound for the northern regional capital of Hargeisa with 44 passengers and five crew, the reports said. Somali Airlines officials were not available for confirmation of the report. They were believed to have joined rescue teams who rushed to the scene of the crash at Hilwene, about 25 kilometers from here.

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U.S. aims to achieve East-West stability in arms, official says

BONN, July 20 (R) — NATO's decision to modernize its European nuclear force is not negotiable in arms talks with the Soviet Union, Washington's chief disarmament official has said in an interview.

Eugene Rostow told the West German news magazine *Der Spiegel* that the U.S. aim was to achieve stability in East-West arms — to reach a position where the minimum of danger existed of a Soviet attack on Western

Europe.

He replied "no" when asked if NATO's decision to respond to the Soviet Union's new SS-20 nuclear missiles by stationing 572 Pershing II and Cruise missiles in Europe was negotiable. "This is an obligation, a decision reached by NATO," he said. "It would be the end of everything if NATO made decisions and then discovered that the Soviet Union possessed a veto against them."

French flag torn down

LANNION, Northern France, July 20 (AFP) — The French flag was torn down from its position alongside those of the six Celtic nations overnight as the 1981 international Celtic Congress began in this town in Brittany.

The tricolor flying on the Lannion town hall had its staff broken by unknown persons. It was not immediately clear whether Breton separatists, who have attacked French government installations in recent years, were responsible.

The Congress, while now a hotbed of militancy, will have its political overtones. More than 400 delegates have gathered from Brittany, Wales, Ireland, Scotland, Cornwall and the Isle of Man to discuss the theme of Celtic languages and their future — a future that many believe must be promoted by government to counter the pervasive influences of English and French.

Indian Army joins flood relief work

NEW DELHI, July 20 (AFP) — The Army Monday joined civil authorities in rescue and relief operations in Jaipur, Rajasthan state, where heavy rains and floods have caused extensive damage over the past four days.

Reports said about 100,000 persons had been left homeless in the pink city, about 225 kms southwest of here, following the collapse of thousands of houses. The rains also uprooted a large number of trees, telephone and electric poles and damaged roads and rail tracks.

The capital of India's north western city has been cut off from the rest of the country since Sunday. Thousands have been marooned in flooded areas in and outside the city, the reports said.

Earlier reports said 19 persons had lost their lives in Jaipur alone. About 50 others were feared drowned elsewhere in the state when a passenger bus fell into a swollen river and was swept away.

The entire Bassi township, near Jaipur, has been covered by knee-deep waters. All schools and colleges in Jaipur have been ordered to remain closed for the next couple

of days. The domestic Indian Airlines cancelled all its scheduled flights to Jaipur because the airport was covered with sand.

Meanwhile, reports from Gauhati, capital of Assam, said the army was called out Sunday in the Sivasagar and North Lakhimpur subdivisions of the state to assist the civil authorities for rescue and relief operations in the flood-affected areas.

The flood waters of the Brahmaputra and its tributaries breached more roads and embankments and submerged vast areas of human habitation and crop land of the state where two more persons lost their lives bringing the death toll in the current floods to nine.

Meanwhile, some 30 persons were killed and 70 injured in a train accident Sunday night in western India and a government minister said he suspected sabotage.

Deputy Railway Minister Mallikarjun said two fish plates off the railway track were missing and a spanner and some nuts were found nearby. He said an inquiry has been ordered into the accident in which two coaches of the passenger train derailed in Gujarat state.

Significant increase seen in Soviet defections to U.S.

WASHINGTON, July 20 (R) — Defections from the Soviet bloc to the United States have increased significantly over the past five years, a senior U.S. official has said.

Theodore Garner, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Washington office, said in an interview there had been 50 defections to the United States during this period. "These include persons from all walks of life, including intelligence agents," Gardner said Sunday. "It is a sizeable number."

He declined to give the number of defections prior to 1976 but said the latest figure was a significant increase. It was partly due to the increasing number of foreign visitors to the United States, he said. He refused to give details on the defections, such as their names and positions.

Gardner said the FBI had a specially-trained squad to deal with defectors and potential defectors. "The defector program is a highly effective counter-intelligence tool," he said. FBI agents helped defectors settle in the United States by providing them with new identities to protect them against retaliation, he added.

Gardner said that while the number of defections had increased, the Soviet Union and other Communist countries had stepped up efforts to infiltrate U.S. intelligence agencies. More than 20 hostile foreign intelligence agencies with a total of about 300 agents operated in Washington alone, he added. "Penetration of U.S. intelligence services by foreign agents remains one of our serious problems in Washington," he said.

Threat to Africa

Nigeria flays French pacts

LAGOS, July 20 (AFP) — President Shehu Shagari of Nigeria has attacked France's military pacts with its former colonies in Africa as an unacceptable face of European-African cooperation and a threat to stability in the continent.

In an address to the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs, Shagari also criticized U.S. policy toward South Africa, which, he said, had allowed Pretoria to intensify its intransigence.

On a regional issue, Shagari said Nigeria was seeking a peaceful solution to its two-month-old border dispute with Cameroon, but that "our patience is not without limits."

Relations between African countries had been undermined by post-independence military pacts that a number of states had contracted with their former colonial masters, Shagari said. The reference was clearly to France and its former colonies, but he did not mention any country by name.

The Nigerian leader said that the African states entered into such agreements because they promised security against domestic upheavals, but he said this was an illusion. Under these accords, France stations troops in such former colonies as Senegal, Ivory Coast, Gabon, Central African Republic and others.

Shagari referred to the agreement in May by the Economic Community of West African states on the principles of a joint defense force, and said this arrangement was designed to protect the 16 community members — including Nigeria and a number of ex-French possessions — against external aggression.

"While, therefore, we respect the sovereign prerogative of every state to insure its self-defense, we will not favor the proliferation of networks of military alliances with foreign powers which will threaten the stability of our sub-region in particular and Africa in general," Shagari asserted.

On South Africa, the Nigerian leader said that while his country's advocacy of sanctions might not by itself destroy the evils of apartheid, it could effectively complement the



Nigerian President Shehu Shagari

armed struggle in southern Africa, which Nigeria would continue to support.

On the border dispute with Cameroon, which began May 16 when Cameroon coast guardsmen killed five Nigerian soldiers in disputed offshore waters, Shagari said Nigeria preferred international arbitration to force.

The secretary-general of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), Edem Kodjo, carried out a diplomatic shuttle between Yaounde and Lagos for six days earlier this month, and Shagari has indicated that an OAU committee is to be formed to look into the issues.

57 Viet boatmen die

MANILA, July 20 (R) — Fifty-seven refugees died, mostly of starvation, after fleeing Vietnam in a boat found in the South China Sea Sunday night by a United States Navy ship, a U.S. spokesman said Monday.

The 29 survivors in the boat, which had no food, fuel or water aboard, were dehydrated and highly emaciated. They had been at sea for six weeks and had thrown the dead overboard, said the spokesman at the U.S. Subic Bay naval base.

The U.S. Seventh Fleet frigate *Fanning* sighted the boat about 300 miles southeast of Ho Chi Minh City.

Brzezinski urges measures to curb Soviet expansionism

PEKING, July 20 (AP) — Former U.S. national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski has said the world may enter a more risky period when the Soviet Union will be more tempted to use its military power.

"We have to look ahead to that period and try to create the kind of international balance and framework so that the Soviet expansionism is effectively contained," Brzezinski told reporters.

Speaking after a meeting with Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping Sunday, Brzezinski said the approach of this period from about 1983 to 1987 underlines the importance of a "defensive, informal coalition" emerging among the United States, China, Japan and Western Europe.

The adviser to former President Jimmy Carter said the U.S.-China relationship has created a new international situation in which this coalition — "not a formal alliance" — is emerging.

The 1983-87 period, he said, would be when "the relative margin of military power might be more favorable to the Soviets" so that the temptation for a new Soviet leadership to use military power might be the highest.

Brzezinski said he welcomed the decision by the administration of President Ronald Reagan to sell arms to China. "It is a gratuitous gift to an essentially expansionist country to be insensitive to the defensive needs of an essentially friendly country," he said in a reference to the Soviet Union.

The Carter administration had approved the sale of certain military equipment, but not arms, to China. Brzezinski said the Reagan administration's decision was "the logical extension of the policies pursued by the Carter administration."

Brzezinski described the current situation as one of increasing political and diplomatic isolation for the Soviet Union, and said it is on the defensive. The Carter adviser added that a situation may develop eventually in which "the kind of developments that transpired in Afghanistan and Kampuchea (Cam-

bia) will prove too costly for the Soviets to repeat."

Brzezinski said U.S.-China "friendship" is not a matter of personal links or subjective wishes, but is now an objective fact. "We share certain fundamental and common interests, and there is a far-reaching and global impact."

On the sensitive issue of U.S. relations with the Chinese government, Brzezinski said that at the time U.S.-China diplomatic ties were established, "both sides made their respective positions clear to each other, and as far as I am concerned, there is no need for the United States to hurry or to take any specific decisions" regarding Taipei which could have any adverse impact.

Chinese said boasting of austerity program

PEKING, July 20 (R) — A Chinese leader was quoted Monday as saying that China might have faced the same kind of crisis as Poland had Peking not implemented the current economic reforms.

Simon Veil, president of the European Parliament, speaking to reporters after meeting Chinese Vice Chairman Li Niannian, said he had drawn a comparison between China and Poland. Mrs. Veil quoted Li as saying that China had fallen deeply into debt like Poland, and not introduced the current austerity program known as "readjustment." China would have risked having the same problems.

Mrs. Veil said Chinese leaders she had seen since arriving last Friday had emphasized the importance of a strong alliance between Western Europe and the United States to face up to Soviet "hegemonism."

On last week's international conference on Kampuchea in New York, Mrs. Veil said the Chinese were pleased because the final declaration did not mention disarming all Kampuchean factions nor forming a provisional government. Member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) wanted these two points to be included but China objected.

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In policy reversal

France to export more weapons

PARIS, July 20 (R) — In a reversal of policy after weeks of soul-searching, France's new Socialist government has decided to launch a major arms export drive. President Francois Mitterrand's administration wants to do more business with Arab states, and is also trying to win new orders for other countries, including China and India.

With exports of military aircraft, helicopters, warships and missiles worth an estimated 40 billion francs (\$ eight billion) a year, France has 16 percent of the world market, exceeded only by the United States and the Soviet Union. The nation's arms industry employs more than 300,000

engineers and skilled workers, and France depends on exports to finance the research and development costs of new weapons for its own armed forces.

In an effort to "moralize" its arms export policy, the new government has said it will not sell French arms to fascist and racist states, among which it has named South Africa and Chile, where it says they could be used for internal repression.

External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson has also said arms will not be sold to countries at war. But in a recent interview he said Iraq would receive French Mirage aircraft ordered three years ago and, to be fair to both Iraq and Iran — which have been

at war for the past 10 months — the government had authorized delivery to Iran of the last three of 12 missile-firing speedboats ordered by the late Shah and still held at the Cherbourg shipyards.

Similarly, although the Socialists criticized arms sales to the Buenos Aires government when they were in opposition, the government recently permitted the delivery of the last two of five frigates ordered by Argentina. It also lifted an embargo on 10 missile-firing patrol boats ordered by Libya — but said it would sign no further arms contracts with Tripoli so long as Libyan troops remained in Chad in the strife-torn former French colony in Central Africa.

Immediately after the Socialists came to power, conflicting government statements coupled with plans to nationalize the aircraft and missile-making industries resulted in a slowing down of arms deals.

French bankers and industrialists, seeing foreigners cashing in on the government's hesitation over future policy, expressed serious concern. Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy, moving to check the spreading uneasiness about this key sector of the national economy, told parliament in a major policy speech that France's arms industry must export to keep abreast of modern technology.

France must export to cut down production costs and give its armed forces new weapons, Mauroy said. It must also export to earn hard currency to pay the country's soaring oil bill and help finance development projects to reduce unemployment and inflation. Defense Minister Charles Hernu has said repeatedly it would be "sheer folly" to stop exporting arms, though he says the Socialist government would not have signed some of the contracts clinched by the Giscard d'Estaing administration.

"France must go on exporting arms, otherwise we might as well give up our own modern defense system," he said. President Mitterrand and leading cabinet ministers have gone out of their way to reassure Arab countries that France will follow a friendly policy toward them, despite its well-publicized support for Israel.

The president personally assured Saudi Arabia's King Khaled during a recent visit to Paris that his government would honor and extend all contracts. He has sent special emissaries, including his brother Gen. Jacques Mitterrand, head of France's Aerospaceplane-making company, and Claude de Kemouliana, a banker friend, to give similar assurances to Gulf leaders.

Cheysson has also said the government is prepared to replace Iraq's controversial French-built nuclear research reactor near Baghdad, destroyed by Israeli bombers last month. Saudi Arabia has offered to finance the reconstruction of the reactor.

The first deal approved by the Socialist administration since it took over two months ago was a \$100 million contract signed with Egypt for Alpha jet trainer and tactical support aircraft. Negotiations are progressing well with New Delhi for the construction under license in India of the Mirage 2000, France's latest combat aircraft, due to become operational with the French Air Force by 1984.

China is pressing the French government to sell it the Mirage 2000, Hernu says. He has talks with the Chinese armed forces chief of staff, Gen. Yang Dezhi, as well as with a Chinese arms purchasing delegation here recently. "All I can tell you is that the Chinese want the Mirage 2000," Hernu said. He declined to elaborate. President Mitterrand's administration is setting a new code for arms sales, but in the meantime, business is picking up briskly.

Protesters demand ban on whaling

BRIGHTON, Southern England, July 20 (AFP) — Demonstrators waved banners and chanted anti-whaling slogans here Monday as delegates from 30 countries gathered for an annual International Whaling Commission meeting called to fix the number of whales to be killed next year.

The 200 demonstrators, representing Friends of the Earth, Greenpeace and other conservation groups want a total ban on commercial whaling. Last year the commission voted against a ban by only one vote. This year, conservationists are optimistic as China and India have joined the commission and are expected to support the ban. Britain is among countries backing proposals for a total ban.

Opening the conference, Jerry Winnin, parliamentary secretary to the minister of agriculture, fisheries and food, said: "The agenda demonstrates the rapidly growing concern throughout the world for conservation and the environment. In particular, the United Kingdom and other countries have felt it right to propose an indefinite ban on all commercial whaling."

He continued: "We are concerned both that knowledge of whales is not yet adequate to enable catch limits to be set at levels which can be sustained, and that satisfactory methods of killing have still not been developed. In view of the doubts and uncertainties and the past record of management failure, the only safe course is to end commercial whaling."

Gas, oil installations near Santiago attacked

SANTIAGO, July 20 (R) — Unidentified extremist commandos have attacked gas and oil installations near the Chilean capital in an attempt to blow them up, police have said. If the attacks made last Friday had succeeded, the explosion would have affected more than half of Santiago's population of four million, they added.

The extremists fired from a moving car with machine guns and bazookas but did not hit their targets, they said Sunday. The attack coincided with another in the northern port of Iquique, 1,800 kms from the capital, where other extremist commandos failed in an arson attempt on an area storing 5,900 foreign cars.

The attacks followed a recent upsurge in extremist activity in Chile during which security agents have been murdered and bomb attacks have increased. In several cases the banned Revolutionary Left Movement has claimed responsibility.

Belgrade to enter N-era

With U.S. cooperation

BELGRADE, July 20 (R) — Three years behind schedule, Yugoslavia is due to enter the nuclear era in October when its first nuclear power plant starts production. The 664-megawatt plant in Krsko, between the northwestern cities of Zagreb and Ljubljana, is Yugoslavia's largest single capital investment, built at a cost of 20.8 billion dinars (\$6.12 billion) — about 80 percent more than had been estimated when work started in 1974.

The plant was built in cooperation with the U.S. Westinghouse Corporation, and is one of a series of nuclear power stations planned by Yugoslavia whose construction will continue until the end of the century.

The difficulties encountered at Krsko included political problems, disputes between the two partners, cost increases, inflation, the 30 percent devaluation of the dinar last year, and tough environmental and safety standards. Experts expect the plant to produce about one billion kilowatt hours (KWH) of power by the end of this year and an average of 4.4 billion KWH a year from then on.

The first major problem was caused by the U.S. Nuclear Non-proliferation Act passed in 1978. This was resolved by Yugoslavia's guarantee that it would use nuclear energy only for peaceful purposes. The United States has agreed to supply the fuel for the plant's reactor until 1985, when Yugoslavia hopes to produce enough uranium itself from the Zirovski mine near Krsko. Experts say the mine holds uranium deposits large enough to feed two Krsko-size reactors.

In mid-1979, a dispute with Westinghouse threatened to stop construction work indefinitely. Westinghouse, citing delays in construction and equipment delivery, coupled

with the effect of Yugoslavia's galloping inflation, demanded \$74.5 million in damages.

The client government put forward its own case and, after almost two years, the dispute was settled last February with the payment to Westinghouse of \$25 million in damages. Tough safety and anti-pollution arrangements, including protection against water pollution and radiation and maximum safety in case of an earthquake, have been checked and approved by Yugoslav and international experts.

As Krsko is in a mild earthquake zone, the plant had to be designed and built to resist a quake measuring up to nine on the 12-point Mercalli Scale. The Yugoslavs plan to build 10 more nuclear power plants by the year 2000 — one to go into production each year starting in 1990.

This would be in addition to 40 hydroelectric and thermoelectric power stations now under construction, and due to be finished by 1986, whose combined capacity of 8,316 mw would increase the country's present 14,000 mw generating capacity by about 60 percent.

Yugoslavia is heavily dependent on imported oil, and planners maintain that additional nuclear power supplies will be needed to sustain the country's development and reduce its dependence on imported energy. Unlike the Soviet Union and other East bloc countries, where decisions and discussions about nuclear matters take place only at a high level, Yugoslavia, with its system of decentralized decision-making and self-management, has already experienced popular opposition to nuclear energy.

The people of the tiny island of Vir, near the central Adriatic port of Zadar, have successfully refused "the privilege" of having the country's second nuclear power plant built on their territory. As a result, the project for a 1,000 mw plant has been moved to the village of Prevlaka, near Zagreb, where work should start next year.

Similar objections have been voiced by inhabitants of the villages of Erdut and Almas, near the Hungarian border. It has also been announced that a nuclear power plant will be built near Ljubljana.

Anti-nuclear lobbyists are not the main or only obstacle to developing "the energy of the future." There are also problems of qualified engineers and costs. Experts have warned that Yugoslavia will need more than 1,000 university-trained nuclear engineers if its ambitious plans are to become reality by the end of the century.

Sri Lankans swamp West Berlin for jobs

BERLIN, July 20 (AFP) — Several hundred Sri Lankans have arrived in West Berlin this month allegedly ferried in from the Eastern sector by a ring extorting money in return for the promise of work and lodging. Some unconfirmed reports said that over 2,000 had arrived in the past month, mostly young men. Some arrived in West Berlin after a complicated journey via Frankfurt, Budapest and Vienna.

West Berlin social services have been completely swamped by the arrivals. Many have been taken to a Red Cross center or to Roman Catholic charity organizations and 280 have been settled into a gymnasium under Red Cross care.

But hundreds of dismayed Sri Lankans — who reportedly each paid 2,500 rupees (\$140) before leaving Colombo and promised to pay \$600 once in West Berlin — found themselves camping rough at the railway station on their arrival from the East. Sources here said that several arrests had been made in Colombo in connection with the racket.

Safety conditions fulfilled, Kansas hotel owners say

KANSAS CITY, Missouri, July 20 (Agencies) — The owners of a hotel here where two ballroom balconies collapsed Friday night, killing 111 persons, have said that all safety regulations had been complied with when the building was put up a year ago.

No defects had been found during inspections since the opening of the Hyatt Hotel, and the balconies, which formed interior walkways, could support a large number of people, said the management of Hallmark, which has a chain of 59 hotels in the United States.

The company said Sunday it was bringing in independent experts to probe the disaster, in which nearly 200 persons were also injured in the crush of falling masonry as an orchestra was playing dance music for some 1,500 guests. Some architects and town planners here have cast doubts on the design of the hotel, others are querying the strength of the 32-ton concrete walkways.

One theory is that vibrations from the dancers helped make the masonry collapse, the way soldiers marching in step across a bridge can cause it to break up. Municipal authorities are collecting all documents

available on the construction of the hotel in preparation for an inquiry into the accident which could last some months.

Large numbers of people were dancing to a Duke Ellington tune on walkways that crashed into the lobby, survivors said. Nine of the injured remained in critical condition Sunday. The 40-floor hotel which opened less than a year ago was empty Monday. Guests could return only to collect belongings.

Kansas City Mayor Richard Berkley said city officials would determine if any safety codes had been violated. Officials would not speculate on the cause of the collapse and Pat Foley, president of Hyatt Hotels Corporation, disputed suggestions that the walkways were not designed to hold large crowds.

The walkways "were designed to hold people shoulder to shoulder, a many as you can jam on here," Foley said. Witnesses said a fourth floor walkway, with an estimated 75 to 100 persons, fell on another suspended over the spacious lobby. Rubble from the collapsed walkways blocked the hotel's main door, and 1,500 persons scrambled for emergency exits.

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Little damage

Armenians claim blast in Bern

BERN, Switzerland, July 20 (AP) — A small explosive device went off Sunday in a wastebasket outside the Swiss Federal Parliament building, causing little damage and no injuries, police said.

A Swiss news agency reported that an anonymous caller said the blast was the work of the "June 9th Organization," an elusive, little known Armenian group believed to be linked closely with the Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia.

The "June 9th Organization," which took responsibility for setting off an explosion June 28 at Swissair offices in Tehran, takes its name from the date last month of the arrest of an avowed Armenian militant who is accused of premeditated murder in the slay-

ing of a Turkish consular employee in midtown Geneva.

The accused killer, Mardiros M. Tamkoddjian who turns 23 Monday, is in a Geneva jail, awaiting trial. The Armenian Secret Army, a Marxist-leaning movement devoted to avenging what it calls the massacre of 1.5 million Armenians early this century, had threatened in a communique issued in Beirut to "destroy Swiss interests throughout the world" if Jankoddjian was not released.

Guided tours of the parliament building in Bern were suspended two months during the winter, at the height of a four-month-long series of bombings, claimed by Armenian militants, at Swiss commercial and government buildings in Europe.

Italian physicist held for giving arms to gangs

BELLUNO, Italy, July 20 (AP) — Police said Sunday they have arrested a physicist suspected of having furnished leftist terrorist gangs with arms.

Jacopo Andrea Morelli, 34, of Milan, was picked up Friday in this city north of Venice while driving in a stolen vehicle, police said in a delayed report. Another man in the car was also arrested. Authorities said Morelli has been at large since May after a Milan prosecutor issued an arrest warrant for him on charges of belonging to an armed band and

subversive association.

According to police sources quoted by the Italian news agency Ansa, he was one of 10 persons in an organization which allegedly supplied the urban terrorist group Prima Linea (front line) and other gangs with weapons. The arms investigation began after police in May 1980 seized submachine guns, rifles, pistols and hand grenades from an apartment in Milan that was considered the main arsenal of the front line gang.

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Ethiopia's peasants resist farm revolution

By Gordon Maclean ADDIS ABABA — Persistent famine in Ethiopia's drought-stricken regions of Wollo and Tigray was one of the main reasons for the downfall of Emperor Haile Selassie in 1974. Ironically, Ethiopia has been almost continuously in the grip of drought and hunger ever since, the result of guerrilla wars and crop failures. Only within the past year or so has the weather returned to near normal, with bountiful rains bringing good harvests and some respite from the long, lean years of the 1970s. And guerrilla warfare continues. Now, with steadily-increasing numbers of Russian advisers and other Soviet bloc experts scattered throughout Ethiopia, the Marxist regime has ambitious plans for making the country self-sufficient in food. The Soviet Union regards Ethiopia as one of its prizes in the Third World — a country which has a vast agricultural potential because of its cool, fertile highlands, so unlike the harsh conditions of neighboring semi-arid areas of the Sudan-Sahel zone skirting the southern limits of the Sahara. Ethiopia's military rulers, led by Col. Mengistu Haile Mariam, are committed to the Marxist-Leninism and have assigned a major role to the agricultural sector. Huge state farms and producers' cooperatives will do away with the traditional peasant holdings which the Ethiopians have known for centuries.

With technical advice and mechanized equipment from Eastern Europe, Mengistu expects to create an African show-piece, with bright-red Soviet tractors and blue and white combine harvesters from East Germany replacing the digging sticks and ox-drawn ploughs by which Ethiopians have produced their food for generations. As in most other Third World countries where Soviet influence is strong, experts and advisers from East Germany are hoping to bring about an agricultural revolution, helped by a sprinkling of other East Europeans and Cubans. The tractors have made short work of turning the clay soil which abounds in most areas, but the impressive ranks of harvesters have not yet been used to their full extent, due to poor harvests. Responding to the frequent calls from Mengistu in Addis Ababa, the local authorities managed to increase the amount of land under cultivation by 15 percent last year compared with 1979, and state farms produced 250,000 tons of crops on the 160,000 hectares of land given to them in various parts of the country. But statistics also show that more than 95 percent of food is still grown by peasants on individual holdings (now averaging about two hectares per person). The rise in food production has been only very slight since the revolution and nowhere near enough to keep pace with the 15 percent rise in population recorded since 1974. Ethiopia now has

more than 30 million people. Old ways are slow to change. There has been a resistance on the land, where the peasants see themselves no longer as tenants of feudal landlords, but working for a faceless landlord, the state. The authorities are having difficulty in beating the coffee smugglers. Large quantities of the country's main foreign exchange earner are being spirited into neighboring Djibouti, where there is a ready market. Most of Ethiopia's coffee is still grown wild (coffee originated in Ethiopia centuries ago). Only a small percentage is grown in plantations where cultivation and picking can be controlled. In the forests of Kaffa and Wollega in the southwest, the ripe, wild coffee "cherries" belong to anyone who finds them, although in theory all land on which the trees grow belongs to the state. Smuggling and plant diseases combined to cause a drastic drop in production last year. Coffee exports in 1980 were only 35,000 tons, compared to 60,000 tons the year before. The ruling Provisional Military Administrative Council, the Dergue, has begun to create a network of producer's cooperatives which it hopes will stimulate output. However, the Dergue's critics in the countryside believe that greater output will benefit only the Russians, because crops will be turned into foreign exchange to repay the Soviet Union for its massive arms supplies. —(ONS)

Call for neutralizing Germany

By Werner Kastor LONDON — East German dissident Robert Havemann has suggested in an open letter to Chancellor Helmut Schmidt in Bonn that the way toward peace in Europe is to neutralize the whole of Germany. The 71-year-old Havemann, who was sentenced to death in the Third Reich and was stripped of his membership of the East German Communist Party in 1965, advocates the withdrawal of "the foreign occupation powers from both parts of Germany", the withdrawal of "all nuclear weapons from the territory of the two German states, and a demilitarization and neutralization of Germany." Havemann says the people of both Germanys are increasingly worried by the possibility of a limited nuclear war between the superpowers which will be fought on German soil. Havemann's letter reminded Schmidt of the jibe that used to be applied to the first West German chancellor, Konrad Adenauer, who was called the chancellor of the Western Allies by the then opposition leader Kurt Schumacher. Havemann asked Schmidt to put pressure on the Americans to resume disarmament negotiations with Moscow at once. He should not act as "the chancellor of the Americans but as chancellor of the Germans." Havemann also urged Schmidt to meet the Soviet president, Leonid Brezhnev, and Eastern German leader, Erich Honecker, as soon as possible. The peace movement in West Germany, which includes Communists, and many Social Democrats and environmentalists, is in Havemann's view the genuine expression of spreading desperation about the political situation in West Germany. It was naive, he wrote, to believe that the aim of this movement was to hand West Germany to the Soviet Union on a silver tray. In a cautious reply, Schmidt said he agreed with Havemann about the importance of a continuing dialogue between Washington and Moscow but Havemann was wrong in assuming that the U.S. had abandoned its policy of maintaining a military balance between East and West, and was now aiming for military superiority. He thought, however, that Havemann's letter was an important document because of its repercussions on public opinion in Germany. The momentum of the anti-nuclear movement in West Germany goes far beyond the stir which the minute Communist Party can create. Schmidt recently staked his political future on the continuation of his defense policy by threatening to resign if his own party, the Social Democrats, would not support his government's policy. Next year's Social Democrat Party Congress will show what inroads the peace movement has made.

STATE TERRORISM

Beirut reports speak at the moment of 300 killed and 800 wounded. The figures are provisional and are expected to grow as rescue works in the devastated areas continue. Washington reports, in the meantime, tell of the departure of the six F-16 planes to Israel, to augment its "security". But the "punishment" meted to Israel after its attack on the nuclear reactor near Baghdad is still in operation. The four additional F-16s are being held up. Furthermore, it is also reported that Israeli Premier Begin had rejected America's request for a ceasefire, conveyed to him by U.S. special envoy Philip Habib. The terror, Begin told Washington, will continue. And as the leaders of the major industrialized nations meet in Ottawa, they find their main concern, the international economy, overshadowed by the tragedy of Lebanon and the Palestinians. They are expected to confront President Reagan with their extreme concern at the apparent lack of direction of America's policy. The horror engendered by Israel's raids has percolated even to the Israeli press, which is warning Begin of the consequences of his heedless plunge into murder on such a massive scale. Finally, Le Monde, the authoritative French newspaper which is not given to overstatement, called Begin's action "state terrorism", while other Paris papers noted that most of those killed and injured in the massive raids on Beirut and other Lebanese towns and villages were Lebanese — that Lebanon is in the end the object of Israel's terror.

Japan reluctant to share technology with U.S.

By Donald Kirk TOKYO — Japan's reluctance to provide high-technology for American weapons is angering the Pentagon. According to the senior U.S. commander in Japan, Lt.-Gen. William Ginn, there are "many areas of microelectronics and laser technology in which Japan is leader that we could share." But Japanese Minister of International Trade Rokusuke Tanaka has "questioned the wisdom of an immediate response" to U.S. demands for the provision of sophisticated technology for a wide range of weapons. Gen. Ginn, talking to reporters in Tokyo, seemed almost petulant as he discussed the Japanese attitude, saying Japan had shared U.S. technology in the past, and the U.S. would now like to share some Japanese technology. His comments were the first official U.S. reaction to reports of requests by the Pentagon for Japan to help in creating integrated circuits and microprocessors for air defense and anti-submarine

weapons, and lasers for knocking out nuclear warheads in space. The general, retiring this summer after 37 years in the air force, was dismissive of Japan's past response to American calls for more help in buttressing defenses. Amid laughter, he remarked the U.S. was also hoping "we could get some of that point you point on an airplane that makes it disappear." Judging from the Japanese trade minister's remarks, however, analysts here believe the discussions focus on whether Japan should give the U.S. any technology at all. Tanaka has surprised American officials with his negative views on the topic, especially as other highly placed Japanese have expressed a qualified interest — if only to placate American leaders for Tokyo's refusal to invest more heavily in defense. Tanaka said at a press conference: "Given the high levels of Japan's next-generation technologies in such fields as electronics, automobiles and industrial robots, it is understandable that arms-makers want to introduce Japanese know-how." He

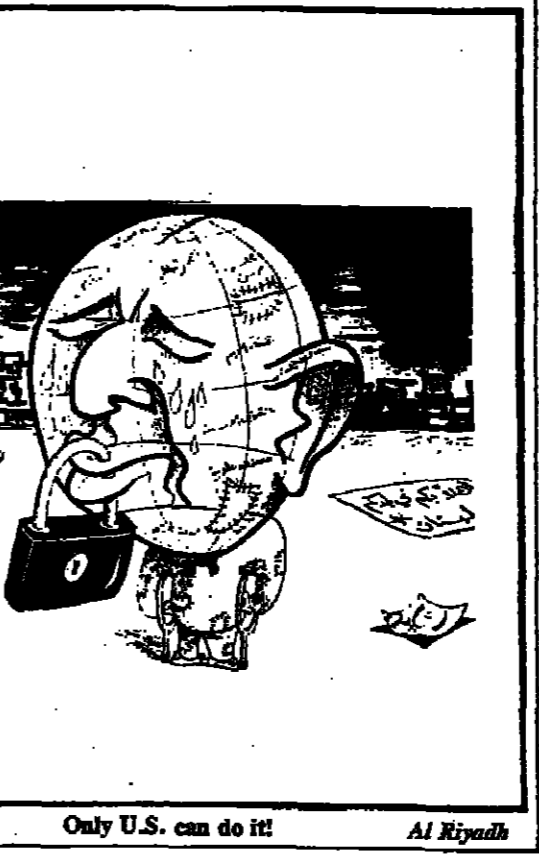
pointed out, however, that opposition politicians and commentators had sharply criticized the government in March for its failure to enforce the embargo on the export of arms in the case of an Osaka manufacturer discovered to have shipped tubing used as cannon by South Korea. Yet another fact influencing Japan against sharing technology may be the suspicion that American companies could steal Japanese techniques — a charge often leveled in the past by Americans against Japanese. Some top Japanese businessmen are reported privately to have urged the government to refuse the American request. Japanese leaders are expected to adopt an extremely wary attitude toward suggestions that they participate in a "space missile defense system" in which Japan would provide the know-how for missiles using lasers and infra-red rays. Japanese sources say the Pentagon hopes to install the system by the 1990s at a cost of between \$10 and \$20 billion.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

Newspapers Monday led with the Kingdom's strong condemnation of the Israeli attacks on Lebanon and its call for the mobilization of Arab energies to confront the Zionist enemy. They highlighted a statement by an official spokesman, who said that the Zionist assaults aim at the elimination of the Lebanese entity, and "we shall strive to crystallize a decisive Arab stance through the Arab Follow-Up Committee on Lebanon." Newspapers frontpaged royal directives to send \$20 million to Lebanon as an immediate relief measure and equal amount to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) to boost its activities. They also gave front-page coverage to a meeting between Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and Saudi Arabian Education Minister Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khwaiter in Baghdad Sunday, during which they were reported to have reviewed the regional situation and bilateral relations. Newspapers further reported on their front pages that the Israeli enemy is continuing its assaults on South Lebanon, while the Palestinian commandos have escalated their rocket attacks on Jewish settlements in Galilee. Lebanon's new draft resolution to the U.N. Security Council figured prominently as a page one story, while the Israeli television was reported as saying, quoting U.S. emissary Philip Habib, that the delivery of F-16 aircraft to Israel will be subject to a ceasefire by the Zionist enemy. In a front-page story, Al-Jazirah reported the beginning of the seven-nation industrial summit conference in Ottawa Sunday. Al-Riyadh gave wide

front-page coverage to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's call for a meeting of the organization's executive committee and another meeting of the Arab Defense Council to discuss the Israeli attacks on Lebanon. Newspaper editorials mainly concentrated on the Lebanese situation. Al-Jazirah regretted that the Lebanese president's call for a unified Arab strategy makes it clear that, so far, there is no Arab strategy to cope with the Zionist attacks, despite countless resolutions adopted after every meeting of the Arab leaders. The paper noted with dismay that rifts still persist among the Arab leaders and, therefore, the Arabs are unable to do anything but "to try and complain against one state or another for supplying arms and funds to Israel." It said that when Israel hears the Arab slogans of unity and solidarity, it believes that the Arabs have really become united, and so it starts a fresh aggression but only to find the Arabs "neglectful and unprepared!" The paper exhorted the Arabs to strive to restore their moral, ideological, cultural and social characteristics and to revive their personality, so they can cope with the present situation. It reminded them that mere resolutions will never serve any purpose, nor will they deter the enemy from launching fresh attacks on the Arab territories. Al-Riyadh said in an editorial that the fait accompli which has been imposed on the Arabs by the force of arms has rendered all U.N. resolutions ineffective and projected the Arabs as being incap-

able of containing the wave of aggression against them. The paper regretted that the Arabs are still engaged inside battles which only benefit the enemy and make him stronger than ever. It called upon them to embark on a unified action against the Zionist plot, and advised them to be in one trench to confront the Zionists. Saudi Arabia has been constantly striving to raise the level of unified action, so that it can match the Zionist threats to the Arab nation, said the paper, adding that the Israeli attack on the nuclear reactor in Iraq must give an impetus to all Arabs to rise to the level of challenges and circumstances which have been imposed on them by the forces of the world. On the other hand, Al-Nadwa dealt with the Kingdom's strong denunciation of the Israeli attack on Lebanon, endorsing the Kingdom's view that the Zionist escalation aims at liquidating the Palestinian resistance and jeopardizing all such attempts as are being made by the Arab Follow-Up Committee on Lebanon to realize a national conciliation in the country. The paper urged the joint Arab Defense Council's assistance to the Palestinian resistance and the Lebanese forces in their encounter of the Zionist enemy. Al-Bilad noted that the fresh Israeli attack on Lebanon has exposed its expansionist designs as well as its disregard for all international norms and principles. It urged the world community to take a decisive stance on the present situation which poses a grave threat to the peace and security of the region.



Letter to the editor

Neutral Afghanistan Sir, As recent articles and reports in your highly-respected daily have illuminated, China's efforts to improve relations with India and India's desire to patch up frequently-arising hiatus with Pakistan will lead to a tranquil zone around Himalayas. In view of this we hope that Russia, realizing the significance of this triangular friendship, will adopt a soft line toward Afghanistan and agree to a nonaligned Afghanistan. The Americans, who seem to have taken precaution over possible Russian intervention in Poland, kept silent when Afghanistan was seized by the Soviets and are now chanting their sympathetic slogans for the freedom of Afghan Muslims, as well as patronizing the aggressive policy of Zionism, which seeks to exterminate Arab Muslims. Very truly yours, C. Hanna, A.H. Alqasbi & Brothers, P.O. Box 86, Dammam.

Jaffar Lito

Walking 18,500 miles, Meegan over half way

By Michael Keruan

WASHINGTON (WP) — It stopped being a hike long ago. He started the week Carter was inaugurated, and Carter has come and gone, and there's still two more years to walk. Sometimes it seems like a seven-year prison sentence, he says. His friends who were in college have now finished graduate school. He himself got married and has two children. He has become a different person. And still he walks.

"I think there's something in every human being that has to try and go the limit," says George Meegan. Then, characteristically, he undercuts himself. "Actually it would take a formidable courage to stop."

Meegan, 28, is walking from the tip of South America to Prudhoe Bay, the northernmost coast of Alaska. He figures it is 18,500 miles. He has done more than 13,000 so far. He measures by mile posts and road maps and his own regular pacing. It is no race. He stops during the rainy seasons, once paused for half a year to write a book. It took him 13 months just to get through Argentina.

"This extends the frontiers in a very humble way, I think. I'm the second man to walk through South America but the first to do it all of Latin America, the first to walk 90 degrees of latitude."

He is not interested in records any more, but they accumulate anyway. He has written a 187,000-word book and started another. He has slept in \$50 motel rooms free, rooms so big his tent would fit on top of just one of the beds (and he so poor he was living on nuts). He has slept in \$2 Central American flea pits, in police stations, in jails, in restaurant back rooms, in derelict cinemas, in churches, in Indian huts, in a giant iron pot and a NASA tracking station. He sleeps any-

where he can get out of sight. He stops at nightfall, lights his candle, opens his Michener's "Centennial" ("my best friend") and that's his camp.

At lake Titicaca it was so cold he was awake all night shivering in his sleeping bag and dozed off when the sun came up. "I became a sun worshipper, like the Incas," he says. He doesn't bother with fires or hot food. Washing dishes is too much trouble. There's not always water.

"Sometimes I've licked the dew off leaves for a little moisture. It's not much fun. The bugs get there first."

He ate bread mostly. Bread and onions. Once he ate an iguana. It wasn't so bad.

Meegan pulls behind him an 11-pound steel luggage dolly, built for him by some shipyard friends. He would come into some remote South American village, picking up a tail of ragged children. He speaks fluent street Spanish, when he started he knew nothing more than "por favor."

"People weren't intimidated by me. I wasn't like some huge character with a pack on his back nine feet high and a big knife. I had no hat and my cart. Never mind your trousers, it's your hat that's important."

The chin string is as frizzled as an old snakeskin. He has worn out seven pairs of hiking boots. The heel linings go first.

Striding along at precisely six kilometers an hour, a mile every 16 minutes, Meegan has been averaging 25 miles a day but did better on the good roads of North America. Once in Peru he walked steadily uphill for 2 1/2 days, then downhill for 2 1/2 days.

In the United States he found deeply set-back houses with their front yards a special hazard. "People see you coming up the walk and they come out to meet you with a gun sometimes. You feel so exposed. It's hard even to ask directions after dark."

In fact, he plans to cross North America through Canada, diagonally, because he feels it is a less violent country. He made that decision after the John Lennon shooting.

"It's impossible to hike any distance with a partner, even your best friend," he explains. "The pace is so important, and you want to stop when you want to stop."

He also hates any walking that doesn't count on the trip. He figures he has trudged many miles around various cities trying to get visas stamped, resenting every step.

About the shooting. He was crossing a river in Panama in a canoe when he heard shots. "Excuse me," he asked his companion, "is someone shooting birds?" The man replied, just before diving into the river, "No, boss, it's the patrol. They shoot twice to warn and then to kill." It turned out they thought he was carrying drugs. It was in fact 25 cans of peanuts. He parted friends with the patrol. They even gave him a haircut, and for two months afterwards people asked him, "my god, where'd you get the haircut?"

He set out with his life savings of \$11,000, had spent it by Guatemala, mostly in air fares for his wife, Yoshiko, whom he twice sent home to Japan to have their children. His brother gave him the money to get to Texas. After that he decided to depend on what fortune brought.

Who is George Meegan anyway, and why this madness? He's from Kent, England. He has raggedly cut blond hair and a mustache and a slight, hard-muscled body. He's a dreamer who lives by his dreams. At 16 he quit school to go to sea, sailed in tramps for seven years winding up a second officer. (Coming into port was always an event then. But on foot, dragging his cart, miserably searching for a place to flop, a bite to eat, he hated ports.)

He left home the morning of Jan. 31, 1976, in a light drizzle, as his mother waved goodbye. He didn't see her again for four years: in a reunion at Brownsville, Texas, which also included his brother, and Yoshiko, and their daughter Ayumi (which means "walk") and their infant son Geoffrey Suzuyamu ("keep going"), conceived when his wife stayed with him during a five-month pause at Panama City.

He had met Yoshiko in Japan in his sailing days. She flew to join him in England just before the great journey, caught up with him in Buenos Aires, where he landed in a Pakistani tramp under a Maltese flag, and accompanied him to the starting point, Ushuaia, the southernmost town on earth. He had fixed her up with her own cart.

"We walked 300 yards that first day," he says. "She never realized it was to be walking. She thought it would be some sort of bus trip."

She followed him by bus through Argentina. They were married in the police station at Mendoza, and when the baby came due he sent her home. "I've known my wife six years and only lived with her a year and four months. These were the happiest times. She's been so understanding. She knows I have to do this."



WALKING BUSHES: From a distance this looks like a group of walking bushes, a closer look reveals the legs of natives carrying the bushes home for fuel. As wood supplies dwindle, this walk is taking longer and longer. (CP)

As forest production fails, so does San Pedro's economy

By Stephen Powell

SAN PEDRO, Ivory Coast (R) — In little more than a decade, San Pedro has grown from a tiny fishing hamlet to a boom town of 50,000 people, capital of the Ivory Coast's "far west" and the most important timber port in Africa. The exploitation of the surrounding tropical forests has brought wealth, but also problems, to San Pedro, center of the new frontier of the biggest economy in French-speaking Africa.

As the forests rapidly dwindle, there are those who predict that the town's decline could be as swift as its meteoric rise. According to forestry experts, scarcely any country in the world is destroying its forests quite as ruthlessly as the Ivory Coast.

The area covered by the dense forests has shrunk from 12 million hectares (30 million acres) 25 years ago to four million hectares (10 million acres) today and foresters say the destruction is continuing at the rate of about 400,000 hectares (one million acres) a year.

"It really has been a bit like the far west," said Samuel Harding, the deputy mayor.

"People came from all over, not only from the Ivory Coast but from Mali, Upper Volta, Togo, Liberia, Ghana, Senegal and Mauritania."

The government in Abidjan, about 350 kms (220 miles) to the east, had ambitious plans for San Pedro. According to the master plan for the town, the population is projected to reach 300,000 by the turn of the century. The authorities began building the Port of San Pedro in 1968 to create a second center of growth in the country and to ease the congestion at the Port of Abidjan, the busiest in West Africa. The new port opened in 1971.

But because of the world economic recession, several projects designed to ensure San Pedro's future in the post-timber era have been indefinitely postponed. There were plans to mine iron ore near the town of Man and even to build a steelworks. There was a project to build a pulp mill by 1981 and export 400,000 tons of pulp a year. There were also plans for an international airport.

None of this has materialized. San Pedro's future, when the timber exports drop, rests

for the moment on the agricultural programs which are going ahead. There are two major rubber projects, a palm oil program and development of coffee and cocoa. Last year there were already shipments of 55,000 tons of coffee and 32,000 tons of cocoa.

Timber, however, far outweighs the other exports, accounting for 1,368,000 tons out of total exports of 1,513,000 tons in 1980. The timbermen are not optimistic about San Pedro's future. "The story of San Pedro is behind us rather than in front of us," said the local manager of a leading French timber company. He stressed the speed at which the forests were disappearing.

"The drama of the Ivory Coast forests is that anyone can come in and exploit them," he said. "All you need is a telephone, a telex and a secretary, and off you go. In boom periods I've known Lebanese small traders and even butchers become foresters overnight."

Last year 53 companies exported wood from San Pedro. French companies predominate, but Italian, Spanish, German and Dan-

ish interests are also represented here. The timber industry is currently in a slump and exports are dropping. Five of the timber companies have closed down and the local labor office said virtually every company in town was laying off workers.

An official estimated that as many as 10,000 people had lost their jobs this year in San Pedro and the surrounding region.

It is strange in a town so young to hear stories of the good old days, but in San Pedro almost everyone has his tale to tell of the better days which have now gone. An Ivorian hotelier gestured glumly towards his empty hotel and said: "a couple of years back this place was packed out. We had people waiting a week just to get a seat on the plane back to Abidjan."

Along the one long street which forms San Pedro's commercial district some buildings sprout tentative upper stories. The development got as far as the steel reinforcement bars and then decided to stop.

The real heart of San Pedro is the quarter of Bardo. Here, according to local officials,

live 40,000 people, four-fifths of the town's population. Bardo is a shantytown of tumbledown wooden shacks with corrugated iron roofs. There is no running water and no electricity and huge piles of rubbish block the streets.

Harding explained that the Soviet West Regional Development Authority used to be in full charge of San Pedro, including the collection of refuse.

Last year the government announced the dissolution of the authority, saying that it had completed its work. The recently-created town hall is now in charge of local amenities but it has no money.

Frontier life was never meant to be easy and there are no overt signs of serious discontent. But local officials are worried about the danger of an epidemic, and photographs illustrating the appalling sanitary conditions in Bardo have been sent to the minister of the interior. There is a feeling in San Pedro that after being launched with great fanfare the town has now been left to survive as best it can.

Nigerian tree cultivation triples food, fuel supply

By Thomas Land

IBADAN, Nigeria (ONS) — West African scientists have tripled maize production in poor soils without any fertilizer by planting the crops between permanent rows of fast-growing leguminous trees. The trees fix nitrogen in the soil and provide a rich supply of organic material for mulching as well as poles for fuel or plant stakes. And the resulting nitrogen fertilizer fixed by the roots and present in the leaves enables the same land to be used year after year without recourse to the traditional system of bush fallowing.

But the implications of the plan, developed at the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture in Ibadan, Nigeria, point well beyond the economics of food production across this hungry continent. Leguminous trees, which are not widely popular because people are unaccustomed to their looks, have emerged as the scientists' most valuable potential ally in the struggle to reverse the rapid deforestation of the planet.

Some of them grow as much as 50ft a year, prevent soil erosion and, in the case of one Latin American species, even provide a sap which can fuel a diesel engine.

Their potential value in the ailing planet has been discovered only recently and perhaps at the last moment. For the real energy crisis affecting billions of people in the developing regions lies in the shortage of firewood, charcoal, crop residues and animal dung — up to nine-tenths of Africa's total energy consumption originates from such sources. Villagers who used to find firewood

near their homes now must seek it sometimes half a day's walk away.

According to the World Bank, a five-fold increase in the rate of forest planting is needed to offset the anticipated fuelwood consumption by the turn of the century; and a 15-fold increase is recommended for Africa.

The leguminous tree *Leucaena*, which is used in the Ibadan experiments, could even offset the damage done by slash-and-burn farmers because it can grow back in two years instead of 10 as many other species. Some of its more than 100 varieties grow into 65ft. giants, an ideal quick-growing source of timber. Other legumes produce a dense, low foliage capable of arresting forest fires. They survive well in poor soils, prevent soil erosion, and produce 10 times the timber yield of temperate forests.

The Ibadan techniques for their deployment in food production have been developed specifically to suit the needs of the humid tropics. Many related plans are likely to follow as the trees take their rightful place in the modern world.

Scientists at Ibadan say they have tried their plan on the poorest, sandy, infertile land available to them. They produced two tons of maize per hectare during the first year, and three and a half tons (or three times the African average) in the second. Still higher yields are possible with added fertilizers. And the presence of the trees improve the soil.

The plan has been developed to answer the needs of traditional agriculture in a world running out of surplus land.



ALUMINUM TREE: Trees like this will probably be created by men after he has succeeded in killing all the trees in the world. This aluminum tree was created by an ingenious metal artist on the Common in Boston, Massachusetts. It was designed "to make people think." (CP)

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For first grand slam win

Rogers snatches British Open

SANDWICH, England, July 20 (AFP) — Six-foot Texan Bill Rogers won a "grand slam" event for the first time when his four-under par 276 total topped the field here Sunday at the 110th British Golf Open.

Rogers, 29, went into the day with a five-stroke lead which West German Bernhard Langer reduced to one stroke by the seventh hole. But Rogers, a seven-year veteran of the American tour, never flinched and finished four strokes up on Langer, at 280, and American Ray Floyd and Britain's Mark James, tied for third at 283, to win the 25,000 pounds sterling (about \$49,000) first prize.

As for the great Jack Nicklaus, who opened the tournament with the worst round of his career, a 13-over 83, the American shot par-70 Sunday, leaving spectators wondering

how the three-time British Open winner would have fared if he had shot par in the opening round.

Defending champion American Tom Watson failed miserably in his attempt to win the Open for a fourth time as he finished, with Nicklaus and six other golfers, including former champion Arnold Palmer, at 10-over 290.

Rogers and Langer are similar golfers and it was fitting that they were the closest at the end. Both are quiet, friendly, intense and blond-haired and have a record of excellent play but few wins, with Rogers plying his trade mainly in the United States and Langer in Europe.

Rogers holds the American PGA record for winning the most money in a single season

without a victory. After back-to-back ties for second in the World Series of Golf and the Texas Open in 1979, he won \$230,000.

Langer, 23, often plagued by terrible putting, has also been a perennial bridesmaid to victory, typical finishes for him being second this year in the French Open and fifth in the Scandinavian Open. The former under-25 world champion's first and last big win was last year in the Dunlop Masters. He plans to play in the States next season.

Rogers, with the big win now to his credit, can remember when he said after setting his PGA record: "The only way you can learn is through success. The more times you get close to the top, the easier you can handle it. You are more confident of yourself."

Britain's Sam Torrance shot a hole-in-one on the 16th Sunday, the third in the Open, following compatriots Gordon Brand and Roger Chapman. Torrance finished fourth, thus improving his chances for a Ryder Cup berth.

Britain's Nick Job, co-leader in the first round and co-second after the second, fulfilled his promises to the press that he could not take the pressure by blowing up in the final two rounds to 75 and 74 to finish far back with a 288.

Spain's Severiano Ballesteros, who has spent more time arguing with the European Tour than playing in Europe this season, finished with an uninspiring 293 after being out of contention from the first round with a 75.

South African Gary Player, another three-time champion here, failed to make it to the fourth round, victim of the second cut. The 45-year-old said: "It was the first day that ruined my chances. Both Jack (Nicklaus) and I had the worst of the weather."

Brand wrapped his hole-in-one round up in 65 (second round), which is now the course record at Royal St. George's. He said of his ace: "That's my third hole-in-one, two of them as an amateur and the only thing I have ever won for them is a dozen balls."

Borg beats Lendl for Stuttgart title

STUTTGART, West Germany, July 20 (AFP) — Bjorn Borg of Sweden won the Stuttgart Grand Prix Tennis title defeating Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia 1-6, 7-6, 6-2, 6-4 Sunday.

The doubles title was claimed by Australians Peter McNamara and Paul McNamee, 1980 Wimbledon double champions, beating Australians Marc Edmondson and American Mike Estep.

West German Claudia Kohde beat her compatriot Sylvia Hanika to win the women's singles title at the Head Cup Tennis tournament in Kitzbuehel, Austria.

In Le Touquet, France, the Netherlands beat the Soviet Union 2-0 to win the under-21 international team championship Annie Soisbault Cup.

The key to the Dutch victory was the teamwork and experience displayed by their singles players. The doubles match was cancelled because of rain. France beat Australia, big disappointments in this tournament, to finish third.



Bill Rogers ... all smiles

How They Finished

Bill Rogers (U.S.)	22	66	67	71	276
Bernhard Langer (W. Germany)	73	67	70	70	280
Ray Floyd (U.S.)	74	70	69	70	283
Mark James (Britain)	72	70	68	73	283
Sam Torrance (Britain)	72	69	73	70	284
Bruce Lunn (U.S.)	76	69	71	69	285
Manuel Paez (Spain)	73	74	68	70	285
Howard Clark (Britain)	72	76	70	68	286
Ben Crenshaw (U.S.)	77	67	76	71	286
Bruce Jones (Australia)	73	76	66	71	286

Leon Spinks aiming at cruiserweight title

LAS VEGAS, Nevada July 20 (AP) — Former heavyweight champion Leon Spinks, frustrated two months ago in his attempt to regain the title when he was knocked out in three rounds by Larry Holmes, says he thinks he's too light to be a heavyweight and now plans to campaign in the cruiserweight division.



Leon Spinks

"I'm trying to get a title back, for one," Spinks said Saturday before his brother Michael scored a unanimous decision over Eddie Mustafa Muhammad to win the World Boxing Association light-heavyweight title. "I also want to be the best fighter in the cruiserweight division."

Spinks, who won the undisputed heavyweight crown in February 1978 with a decision over Muhammad Ali, said he thinks he could fit nicely in the 199-pound limit World Boxing Council cruiserweight division.

"I fought (Bernardo) Mercado at 204 when he weighed 218 pounds," he said. "I'd like to fight some cruiserweights to see what it will be like."

The former Olympic gold medalist said even if he had beaten Holmes in their bout in Detroit, he would have fought a cruiserweight next in an attempt to gain two titles. "I would have liked to have had two titles at once."

Spinks said he is going back in training soon for what he hopes is a bout in September against a leading cruiserweight contender. But he also hinted he would continue to fight as a heavyweight if the offer was right. "I'll fight (Gerrit) Cooney. I'll fight anyone now," he said. "I feel in as good a shape as any man can at 28 years old."

Despite his gold medal in the 1976 Olympics, Spinks vaulted into prominence with the win over Ali, but lost the title back in a rematch.

In the Holmes fight, Spinks said, his aggressive style made him an easy target for the WBC champion. "I didn't have time to relax and pace myself," he said. "I was in perfect shape when I fought Holmes, but I was too anxious."

Spinks said he is thinking of moving from Detroit, where he has had frequent brushes with the law, to Philadelphia to be nearer his brother, Michael.

Meanwhile, South Korean challenger Kim Hwan-jin became the new World Boxing Association (WBA) junior flyweight champion Sunday night with a knockout victory over Mexico's Pedro Flores in a title bout here, 170 miles south of Seoul.

The knockout came at 1:52 in the 15th round of the scheduled 15-round title fight when U.S. referee Charles Hassop stopped the fight as Flores leaned defenseless against the ropes under a barrage of left and right punches to the body and face.

Flores had been battered badly, with his eyesight hampered from heavily bleeding cuts under both eyes. He suffered a cut above his left eye in the second round and another cut near his right eye in the third round.

The Korean constantly harassed the Mexican by concentrating his attack on Flores' cuts. The match was Flores' first defense of the title he wrested from Japan's Yoichi Gushikien last March.

Kim, 26, weighed in at 48.6 kilograms while Flores, 30, scaled at 47.9 kilograms. Kim now holds a record of 19 wins, no losses and two draws. This was his eighth knockout victory. Flores now holds a 15-7 record, the Korean boxing commission reported. Kim had been the top ranked contender by the WBA.

Stops Fritz's winning run

Gildemeister sails into final

BROOKLINE, Massachusetts, July 20 (AP) — A patient Hans Gildemeister of Chile moved a step closer to the title that eluded him two years ago by rolling to a 6-3, 6-1 semifinal victory Sunday over unheralded Bernard Fritz of France at the U.S. Pro Tennis Championships.

In Monday night's title match, the 13th-seeded Gildemeister will face the winner of Sunday night's semifinal between top-seeded Jose-Luis Clerc of Argentina and third-seeded Ekjut Tetscher.

Tetscher reached the semifinals with a 6-4, 6-3 victory earlier Sunday over Ricardo Cano of Argentina. Tetscher trailed 4-2 in the first set and 3-2 in the second set, but rallied to take the last four games of each. The match had been postponed by a Saturday night thunderstorm.

Gildemeister, a clay court wizard, stuck to his usual baseline game. It proved too much for a tiring and hurting Fritz whose cinderella rise through the tournament hit a red light. "My back was hurting me on my serve," Fritz said.

Fritz had never reached the quarterfinals of any major tournament, and had won just

Soviet wrestlers corner limelight

VANCOUVER, July 20 (AP) — The usually stoic Soviets were all smiles Saturday after walking off with the team trophy at the World Junior Wrestling Championships.

The eight-day tournament — which featured both Greco-Roman and Freestyle disciplines — was, as expected, dominated by the Soviet Union.

The Soviets, who started shakily losing the first four Greco-Roman gold medal matches, recovered to win 10 of the next 15 championship bouts. They completed the near rout Saturday night, by winning four gold and one bronze medal in the freestyle competition.

The Canadians were shut out of the medals, the first time since 1975 — the tourna-

Donna Caponi claims season's fourth crown

NEW YORK, July 20 (AP) — Donna Caponi, who almost blew a five-stroke lead, survived a double-bogey on the par-4 14th hole and shot a 1-over-par 73 to capture the \$125,000 Western Union Classic by two strokes Sunday. She finished with a 72-hole total of 282 to become the first member of the Ladies Professional Golf Association to win four tournaments this year.

The victory, worth \$18,750 put her in third place on the 1981 money-earnings list at \$132,033. Caponi, who numbers the LPGA championship among this year's accomplishments, also climbed to No. 3 in career earnings at \$955,462.

Julie Stanger, winless since joining the circuit carded a 73 to finish runner-up, two strokes off the race at 284 on the par-72, 6,347-yard Meadow Brook Club. Stanger, 25, started the day tied for second with Kathy Martin at 211, two strokes off the pace. Successive bogeys on the par-3 fourth hole and the par-4 fifth, plus another on the ninth, dropped her five strokes behind Caponi.

Caponi, 35, opened the back nine with a bogey as opposed to her rival's birdie to close the gap to three. Caponi, a pro since 1965, picked up a stroke on the 11th with a birdie and solidified her triumph when Stanger

bogeyed the par-4 16th.

Beth Daniel, the LPGA's player of the year and record-breaking money-winner in 1980, finished third with a 285 on the strength of a final-round 68. It was her only sub-par score of the tournament.

Martin, who set a course record of 66 Saturday, fell out of the chase Sunday with a double-bogey. She ended up fourth with a 75 and a final total of 286. Hollis Stacy, two-time U.S. Open titlist, warned up for next week's renewal with a 66 to deadlock the standard set by Martin a day earlier.

The 27-year-old Stacy, on the tour since 1974, had eight birdies and finished with a 287 to tie for fifth place with Betsy King, who closed out with a 69.

Kathy Whitworth, the all-time career money-winner of the LPGA, failed to become the first millionaire on the tour despite a second straight 70 that gave her an overall 288 and seventh place.

The 41-year-old Whitworth, a pro for 17 campaigns, needed at least a four-place to reach the coveted goal.

Sally Little of South Africa, the 29-year-old defending champion, scored second straight 74 and had a 3-over-par 291 along with little-known Lynn Stonery.

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England heading for innings defeat

LEEDS, England July 20 (Agencies) — Geoff Boycott battled stubbornly Monday as England slumped to 78 for four and struggled to avoid an innings defeat against Australia in the third cricket Test match.

At the lunch interval Boycott had made 35 not out. England were still 149 runs behind. England resumed at six for one, needing 221 to save an innings defeat, and Brearley started with a four to square-leg against Terry Alderman and a straight drive to the boundary off Lillee.

However, the Lillee-Alderman combination which had unshipped Graham Gooch, on Saturday, struck again at 18. Brearley edged a ball that seemed away and Alderman, at third slip, athletically collected the catch between his ankles. 18-2 England were still 209 behind.

The crowd finally had the relief of seeing their idol, Geoff Boycott, get off the mark with the pitch giving variable bounce. He played and missed a few times and was not far off going low to Alderman when he padded up and was hit just above the pad roll as the ball nipped back at him.

David Gower remained motionless on

nought for half an hour, mostly content to watch Alderman fire the ball past him. He eventually opened his scoring by clipping Lillee of his legs for two, and square cutting him crisply for four next ball.

After an hour's batting, Boycott had scored only four runs making a poor spectacle for the sparse crowd.

Gower struck a firm off drive for three of the next delivery taking him back to face Alderman and the end of his innings.

The Leicestershire played 1 one of the shots that used to betray him so often in the past — a firm-footed push that failed to take into account the ball angling across him. He edged and Allan Border held the comfortable catch at second slip, leaving England 37 for three.

It was an especially disappointing exit because Gower had shown signs in recent Tests that such fallibilities were behind him. Worse was to follow four runs later. Mike Gatting, on 1, was low to Alderman at +1-4, still 186 runs behind, an innings defeat was looming up for the home team.

Brief scores: Australia 401 for nine, England 174 and 78 for 4 (Brearley 14, Boycott batting 35).



(AP photo) Former soccer star Pele cuts lose with a backhand while playing tennis at his soccer camp at Manhattanville College in Purchase, N.Y. The former New York Cosmos star was taking a break from instructing young soccer players at the camp.

Amiss steers Warwickshire to fluent win over Sussex

LONDON, July 20 (AP) — Former England opener Dennis Amiss gave glimpses of his earlier form when he slammed an unbeaten century and enabled Warwickshire to top Sussex from the top of the John Player League table at Horsham Sunday.

Amiss scored 117 and led Warwickshire to a seven-wicket victory. After Sussex had made 198 for nine, Warwickshire led by Amiss, totalled 200 for three.

New leaders are Essex, 64-run winners over Lancashire at Southend. Their captain, Keith Fletcher decided to play after a dose family bereavement over the weekend, and from the Essex point of view it was a heart-warming decision.

He featured in two half-century stands as Essex reached 217 for five. He and Norbert Phillip put on 61 in 11 overs and with Keith Pont, he cracked 53 in six overs. Fletchers was out for 56, caught on the boundary while Pont was unbeaten with 50.

Lancashire never recovered from losing two wickets for ten runs and with John Lever in pacey form, snapping up four for 28. Essex won at a canter.

Javed Miandad was Glamorgan's hero against Gloucestershire, cracking an unbeaten 63 to steer his side to their fifth successive Sunday win, their best run in the competition. Glamorgan won by seven wickets to move into second place.

Alan Jones and John Hopkins put on 71 for the first wicket and Miandad followed with a patient innings which included only three fours. Gloucestershire's 192 for six was built around a third-wicket stand of 82 between Alastair Hignell and Andy Stovold, whose 58 took him past 2,000 runs in the competition.

Viv Richards cracked his highest Sunday

score of the season — 86 not out in 82 minutes — to steer Somerset to a seven-wicket victory over Derbyshire at Taunton with 20 balls to spare.

Summaries: At Horsham: Sussex 198 for nine (Paul Parker 54, Anton Ferreira four for 26), Warwickshire 200 for three (Dennis Amiss 117 not out). Warwickshire won by seven wickets.

At Trent Bridge: Yorkshire 154 (Kevin Saxelby four for 37), Nottinghamshire 85 for two (16.3 overs). Nottinghamshire won on faster scoring rate.

At Lord's: Worcestershire 160 for eight. Middlesex 165 for four (Roland Butcher 77 not out). Middle sex won by six wickets.

At Taunton: Derbyshire 184 for five (Peter Kirsten 63, John Wright 50). Somerset 188 for three (Vivian Richards 86 not out). Somerset won by seven wickets.

At Leicester: Kent 177 for six. Leicestershire 60 for four. Leicestershire won by six wickets. At Southampton: Surrey 167 for eight (Monte Lynch 56 not out). Hampshire 171 for six (Nigel Cowley 52). Hampshire won by four wickets.

At Bristol: Gloucestershire 192 for six (Andrew Stovold 58). Glamorgan 194 for three (Javed Miandad 63 not out, John Anthony Hopkins 51). Glamorgan won by seven wickets.

At Northampton: Northamptonshire 328 for seven dec. (Sarraz Nawaz 90, J.P.C. Mills 68, Geoffrey Cook 60). Sri Lanka 256 for four (N. Hettiaratchy 80, S. Wettimuny 68).

At Southend: Essex 217 for five (Keith Fletcher 56, Keith Pont 50 not out). Lancashire 153 for six (David Lloyd 59, John Lever four for 28). Essex won by 64 runs.

U.K. badminton team to tour South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, July 20 (AFP) — An English international badminton team has agreed to tour apartheid South Africa, following the cancellation of a visit by a Danish side, for political reasons.

South African Badminton Union president Harry Stavridis said "Monday South Africa had 'good friends' in England badminton circles and they had stepped into the breach when the Danes pulled out."

"All the air and hotel bookings had been made for the Danish players and we were really in an unhappy position until our English friends agreed to take their place", he said.

The English team arrives in Johannesburg on Sunday for a 19-day visit which will include Test matches in Pretoria, Durban, Benoni (near Johannesburg) and Cape Town. They will also play two invitation matches.

Meanwhile, in Kuala Lumpur, Selangor selection scored a narrow 4-3 win over the Danish Greaves Badminton Association team when their last pair Ajib Mohideen and Neoh Kim Ann, beat Torben Kjaer and Steffen Lund 15-6, 18-15 Saturday.

Led by veteran, seven times all-England champion Erlands Kops, who decided to take a breather this evening, the five-member Danish team fell victim to the hot conditions and tricky play exhibited by a few players of the opposing team.

Moo Foot Lian and Soh Goon Chup put up an admirable show against their opponents in the singles despite their obvious lack of fitness compared to the Danes. Hard playing and experience pulled them through to their victories.

The Danish team were aware that proceeds from the matches would go to hole-in-heart badminton player, Rudy Nathan who needed funds for surgery in Singapore next month.

"It is a very nice gesture on the part of the Selangor Badminton Association, in fact, each of us paid our way into the hall. That's the least we can do," said Kops.

It was interesting to note that there were a few middle-aged persons in the audience who most probably were hoping for a glimpse of the badminton star of their youth in action but were disappointed as Kops did not play.

Japan goes down tamely to USSR

BUCHAREST, July 20 (AFP) — The Soviet Union, easily defeated Japan 13-3 (3-2, 4-0, 2-1, 6-0) in the opening match of the water polo tournament at the World Student Games here Monday.

But the poorly-rated Japanese put up a good show against the silver medalists of last year's Games with Masahiro scoring two goals in the first period.

But after Japanese star Hideyuki Kwai had to retire with a deep cut over his right eye — he was elbowed by a Soviet swimmer — it turned into a lop-sided affair.

The Russians easily penetrated the Japanese defense and scored four goals in the second half. In the third period the Soviet team slightly slackened its grip on the game and Yoshifumi Saito managed to score a goal.

Japanese team coach Masayoshi Hori said that he hoped Japan could beat Canada and Spain in their Group 'A' section. He said "we were just unlucky to be drawn to meet the

In World Student Games

Soviet Union in the opening match". Japan face Romania in the second match Tuesday.

The 11 countries competing in the water polo competition are divided into two groups for the preliminary matches with the top three in each group qualifying for the final on July 26 to 28.

Group 'A': Soviet Union, Romania, Hungary, Canada, Japan and Spain. Group 'B': United States, Yugoslavia, Cuba, China and Mexico.

Hideyuki Kwai who received a deep cut said afterwards that he would play Tuesday but team coach Masayoshi Hori feared that he might be unable to compete.

"It has dealt a big blow to us. He is the leading player and his absence would have a big impact. If he is unable to play, we will have to change tactics, formation, etc., the coach said.

The Romanian doctor who examined the cut said that the wound could need two or three stitches and that Kwai would be

unable to play for two or three days. But he is yet to have a thorough examination from the Japanese doctor.

American drivers Amy McGath and Megan Neyer unexpectedly upstaged the Russians and Chinese. McGath, 19, from Louisville, Kentucky, and Neyer, also 19, from Mission Viejo, California, were the top qualifiers for the final of the women's springboard event, which takes place Tuesday.

The Soviet Union, who won the event two years ago in Mexico City, made a bad start with Irina Sidorova and Olga Dmitrieva managing only 10th and 11th places to scrape through to the final. China, too, had a lean time with Shi Meiqin, the bronze medal winner two years ago, coming through in second place.

In the men's foil fencing event, Russian Vladimir Smirnov, the world and Olympic champion, suffered a surprise 5-4 defeat by Cuban Heriberto Gonzales, but still qualified for the second series.

Usiyan 'tricks' in Montreal's big win

WASHINGTON, July 20 (AP) — Thompson Usiyan scored three goals and led the Montreal Manic to a 4-2 victory over the Washington Diplomats Sunday before 74,601 at RFK Stadium.

The loss dropped the Diplomats to third place in the Eastern Division of the North American Soccer League and five points behind their Canadian rivals.

Montreal did the damage in the second half after the substitutions of Diplomats Johan Cruyff and Heinz Wirtz. With the score tied 2-2 and less than 16 minutes left, Usiyan scored his second goal, bouncing the ball off his chest into the net after being set up by teammates Fran O'Brien and Gordon Hill.

With 79:19 gone, Usiyan completed his hat-trick, scoring off passes from Alan Willey and Tony Towers from 10 yards on a turn-around shot.

The Diplomats scored 12 minutes into the first half when midfielder David Bradford kicked in a rebound from 10 yards for his second goal of the season.

Assisting was Peter Baralic, returning to the Diplomats after a deal with Tulsa fell through, and Cruyff, who was starting his second game for Washington this season.

At the 28:18 mark, Bradford scored again, banging a header in from the left side of the Montreal goal. Baralic was credited with his second assist when he launched a long pass to David McGill, who set up the Bradford goal.

Less than a minute later, Montreal came back when Bob Vosmer kicked in a shot from 20 yards out. Montreal scored again seven minutes into the second half when Usiyan knocked in a header in front of the net.

In Peking, Romania edged Italy 5-4 on

penalty kicks Saturday and won the 1981 China Youth Cup Soccer Tournament in Shanghai, China's Xinhua news agency reported.

After neither team could break a 1-1 tie in overtime, Romanian goalie Lovas Losif saved two penalty kicks by Italy while the Italian goalie managed to block only one.

Romania scored first in the 10th minute of regulation play when Daniel Minea slammed the ball into the net from a goalmouth melee.

The Romanian defense held until giving the Italians a chance for a penalty kick in the 64th minute. Giuseppe Galderisi converted it for the 1-1 tie.

The Italians was the only undefeated team in the tournament until Saturday's finals. Thailand had won third place Friday by beating Shanghai 1-0. Hong Kong finished ninth by beating Peking 1-0.

Maoris cheer Springboks as protests continue

GISBORNE, New Zealand, July 20 (AP) — The South African rugby team, expecting a violent reception from anti-apartheid protesters in New Zealand were cheered and clapped at a Maori reception in their honor Monday night.

But they were told in a speech by Sir Graham Latimer, chairman of the New Zealand Maori Council that they would not be invited again if South Africa did not change its racial policies.

"That you have come is seen by some as a major victory for South Africa," he said to the 1,200 people crowded into the Maori Marae, or meeting hall.

"There will be no welcome by Maoris in the future unless your government is prepared to change its policies on apartheid." The South Africans rubbed noses with the Maoris, New Zealand's indigenous polynesian people and danced with Maori girls in reed skirts.

The Maoris in Gisborne, a fanatical rugby area, were the only ones in New Zealand prepared to welcome the South African team, known as the Springboks.

Seven other Maori councils refused to take part.

The Springboks, however, received a colder welcome from protesters outside the Marae. The protesters thumped on the side of the team's buses and the players had to enter the hall protected by police who arrested one demonstrator for disorderly behaviour.

The Springboks who arrived to a noisy protest rally at Auckland Airport Sunday, at which 25 persons were arrested, will play their first match Wednesday. So far police have outnumbered demonstrators in Gisborne, where wet and windy weather has kept most people indoors.

However, police are preparing for major demonstrations next week at Hamilton,

where the team plays its second match. Hamilton, south of Auckland and New Zealand's largest city, is a university town. Meanwhile, a rugby club house in Wellington was partially destroyed by fire Sunday night. Police did not say if they thought anti-tour protestors were responsible.

As protesters over their presence continued, the South African team Monday got down to the business of choosing a side for the first game. Flank forward Eoen Jansen was named captain and Wednesday's opener against provincial side Poverty Bay was all but forgotten at Johan Classen's first press conference.

Classen told reporters that he would answer questions only on rugby matters. Some journalists, however raised questions of colored player Erri Tobias, the only non-white player in the team, who is reported to be sharing a room with another Springbok.

Baseball strike costs America millions

WASHINGTON, July 20 (ONS) — The great American baseball strike has already done away with one-fifth of the season, and no solution is in sight. Each day without a game costs the 26 club owners an estimated \$1,250,000 in revenue and the 650 big league players lose \$600,000 in salaries.

As the season moves into high summer with long spells of hot, sticky weather over most of the country, the 44 million fans who attend major league games each year are getting increasingly grumpy. Sympathy for favorite players seems to be on the wane with polls showing most fans backing the clubs.

Major league players earn an average of \$170,000 dollars, a year, while the average fan makes about \$23,000, which is why 16-year-old Patrick Irwin, a Detroit Tigers supporter, says: "I go with the owners."

The players are on strike over the right to transfer to other clubs. Owners want to prevent them switching to more lucrative jobs

unless the new offers a big money transfer fee to the old one to pay for the recruitment of a player of equivalent skill. The fans think that if the players earn more, the cost of watching them will go up too.

Only a few of the increasingly frustrated fans, like columnist Nicholas von Hoffman, have enough patience left at this stage of the strike to suggest that baseball players provide Americans with just as much, and probably more, pleasure than, say, the outrageously high paid TV anchormen, who earn up to \$1,500,000 a year.

The players, says von Hoffman, should be able to command at least equal pay for "hopping, skipping and jumping around a baseball field as the anchormen do for wagging their mouths at us." To emphasize his point, von Hoffman says people can earn only what "some damn fool is prepared to pay them."

For example, Archie R. McCardell, the chairman of International Harvester. He

earns \$1,400,000 a year (the same as NBC TV anchorman Tom Brockaw). But, as *Business Week* pointed out recently, International Harvester lost a staggering \$576 million in the last 18 months and McCardell still has his job.

It has taken the month-long strike to show exactly what major league baseball means to America and its economy. Thousands of people have been laid off from jobs connected with baseball and the hard-pressed cities have been losing huge revenues.

The strike's first three days, from 12 to 14 June, cost Pittsburgh an estimated one million dollars that would have been generated by a series between the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Each cancelled Yankee game costs the New York city parks department about \$7,000 and the subway system about \$6,000. A hot-dog firm in Detroit loses \$55,000 for each unplayed game. US airlines get \$8 to nine million a season for carrying ball teams

BRIEFS

NAPLES, Italy, (AP) — Claudio Plit of Argentine won his third consecutive Capri-Naples Swim Marathon Sunday, considered a world long distance swimming championship. Kristine Carr of New Zealand finished first among women entries and fifth overall in a strong showing by her team. Plit was clocked in three hours and thirty minutes. Svria's Bassam Masrilaaced second followed by John Coult of New Zealand.

SLANY, Czechoslovakia, (AFP) — American Shaun Moran, who rides for Sheffield in the British League, won the European Junior Speedway title here Saturday with a maximum 15 points from five heats. Antonon Kasper of Czechoslovakia finished second with 14 points.

JAKARTA, (R) — Japan dominated the fourth Asian Judo Championship here by winning 13 of the 16 gold medals. Taiwan were second with one gold, eight silver and six bronze. South Korea were third with one gold, three silver and four bronze.

FRANCE, (AFP) — A 39-year-old physically handicapped man leapt into the water here Sunday morning at the start of an attempt on his own underwater endurance record. Guy Noel, a Frogman and Oceanographer, plans to stay underwater for 300 hours until August 1. He will stay underwater here for 24 hours and then intends to swim 60 kilometers, along a canal to Calais negotiating two locks on the way.

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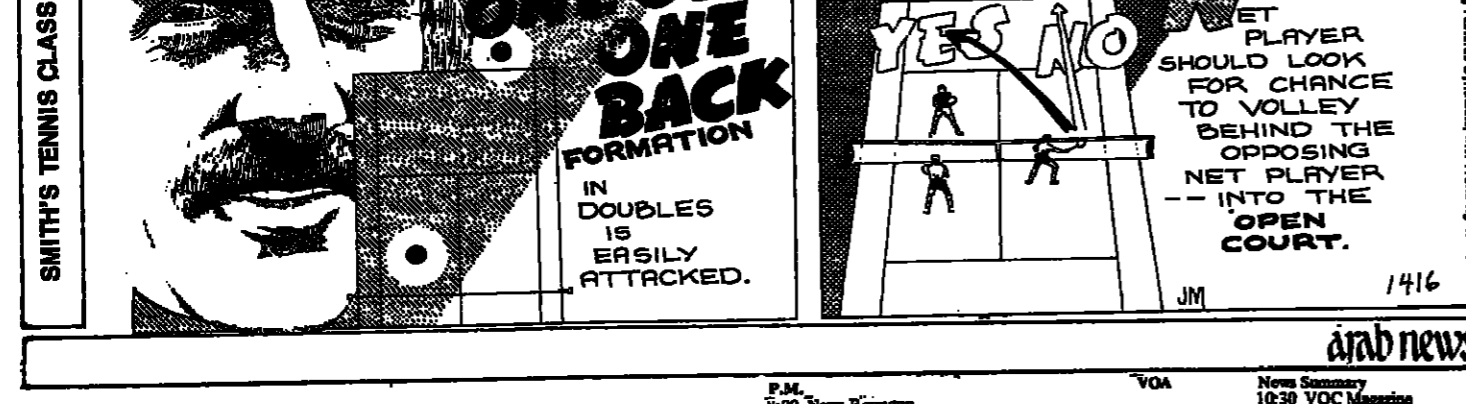
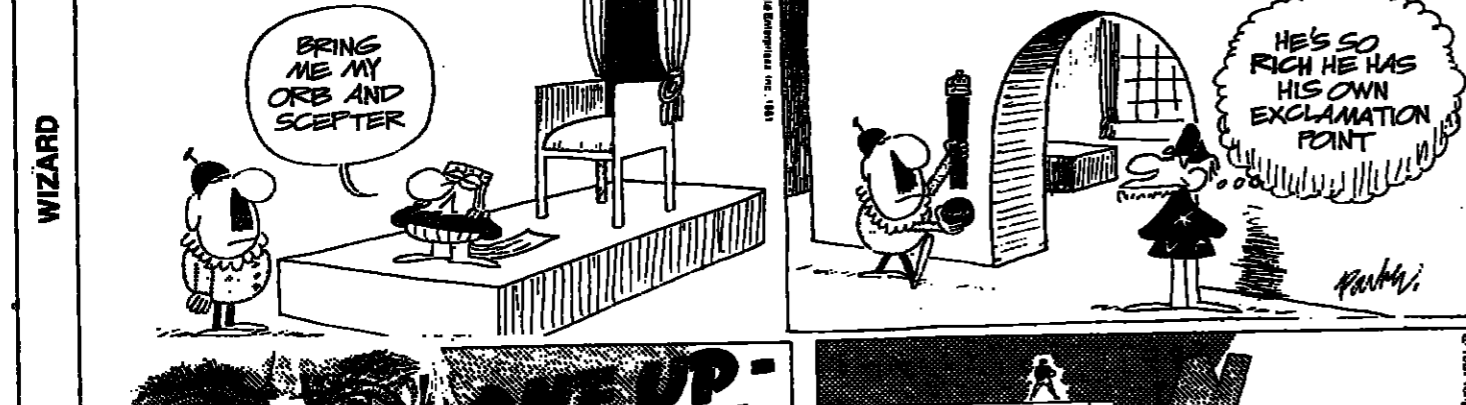
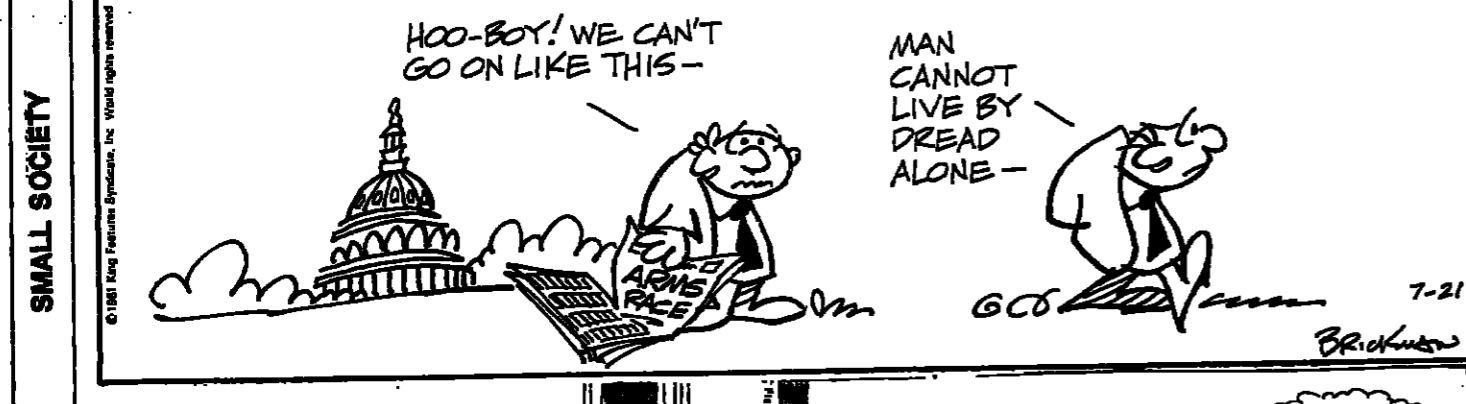
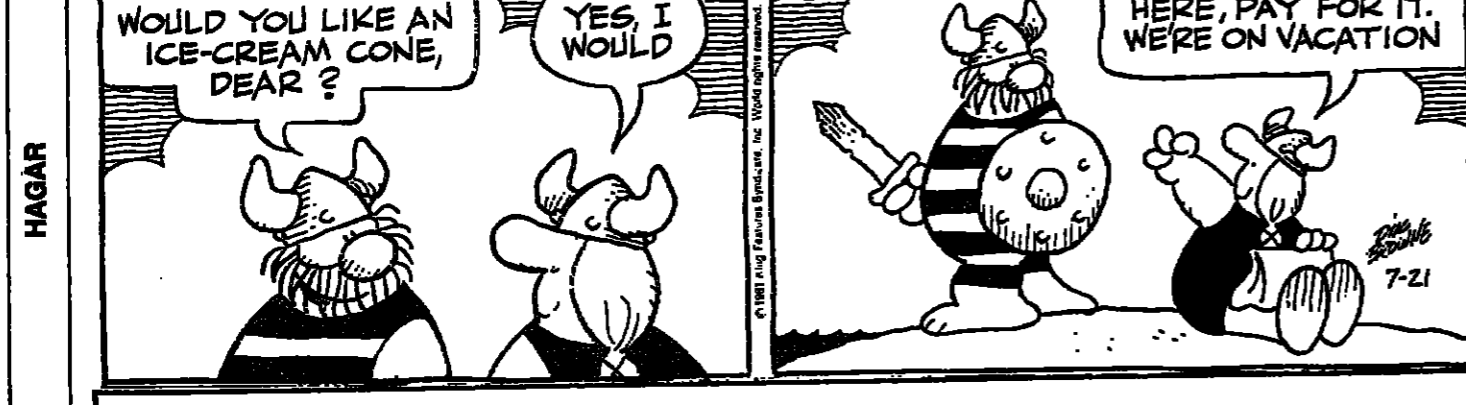
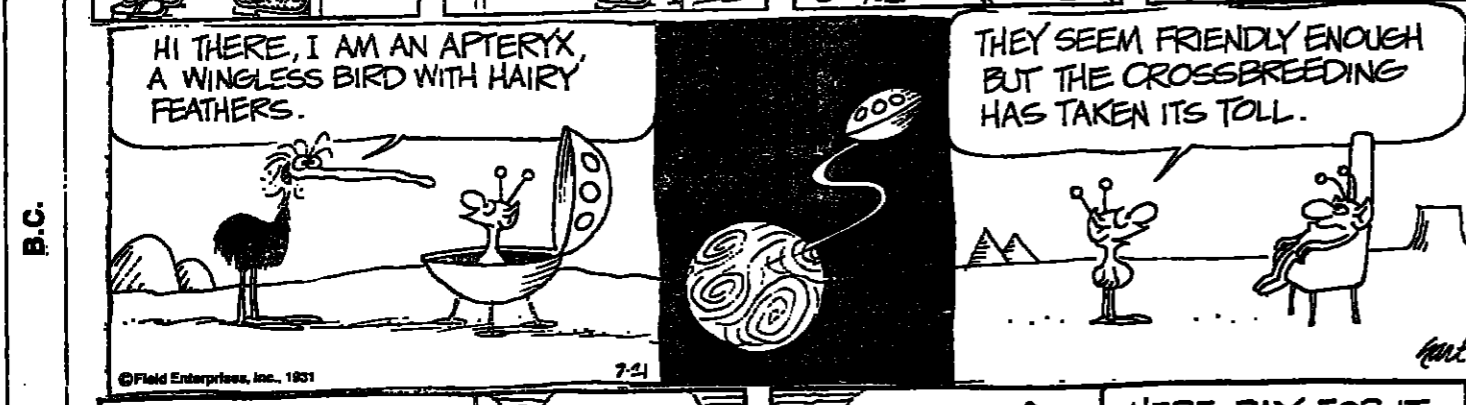
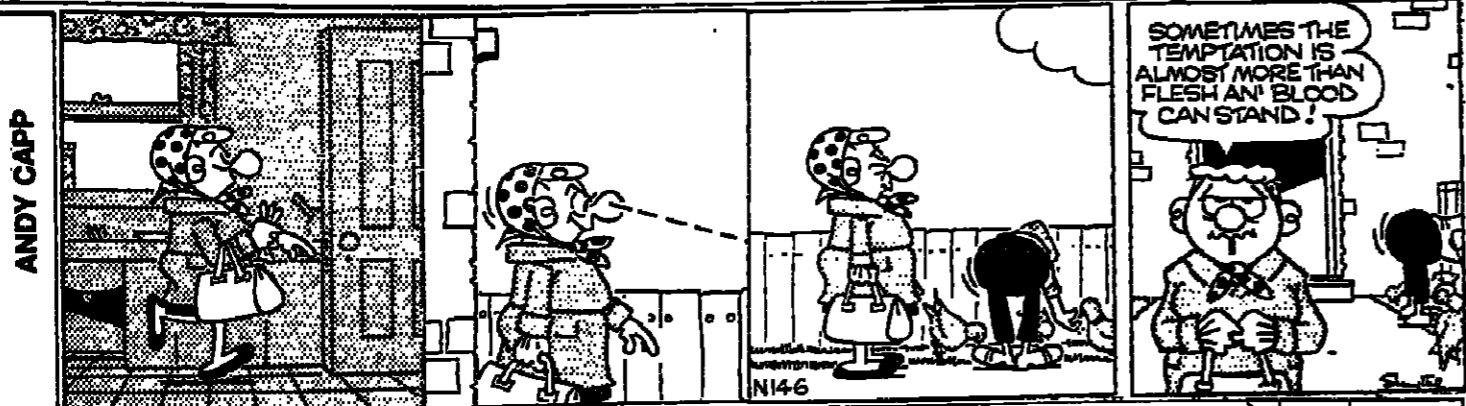
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Your Individual Horoscope

FOR TUESDAY, JULY 21, 1981. What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You could receive faulty advice. Attend to unfinished tasks. Home life is favored over romance. Catch up on needed rest. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Friends may be touchy during the morning, though evening hours favor social life. New introductions should prove stimulating. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Don't mix business with pleasure. New employment opportunities are in the offing. An added source of income makes for happiness. CANCER (June 21 to July 21) Don't daydream on the job. Curb unnecessary expenditures. Romance comes unexpectedly. Make plans for travel and utilize creativity. LEO (July 22 to Aug. 22) Take time to go over your accounts. A morning error has you in the mood to put the books in order. Family affairs prosper. VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Let bygones be bygones and enjoy a night out with a dear companion. New ideas look promising. Welcome the chance to make new friends. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) It may be hard to concentrate on routine. Innovative ideas lead to career success. Things get better as the day progresses. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You may be confused about a romantic situation, but the late evening leads to better communication. Dining out should be fun! SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Don't be sidetracked by extraneous issues. Invite others over for happy times. Put new domestic plans into motion towards nightfall. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Hurt feelings could get in the way of honest communication. Late afternoon is the best time to state your case. Accept invitations. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Financial dealings with others aren't favored in the morning. Still, a new job or money opportunity comes before day's end. PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) A legitimate chance to improve your business status occurs now. Avoid unrealistic schemes. Good news from a distance is unexpected.

Crossword by THOMAS JOSEPH. ACROSS: 42 Brought to a close, 5 Bout, 10 Picnic spoiler, 11 Mythical flier, 13 Makeshift seat, 15 Gained vine, 16 Mine output, 17 Pierworkers' union, 18 Belgian province, 20 Actor Pickens, 21 Seraglio chamber, 22 Leaping field, 23 Playing field, 26 Lorelei, 27 Classy guy, 28 Amount, 29 Town near Padua, 30 Michelangelo work, 33 Ending for part or vint, 34 Marie Dressler role, 35 Table scrap, 37 Place to entertain guests, 40 Fly, 41 Vase handle.

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Overall food-aid plan for Poland vital-U.S.

WASHINGTON, July 20 (R) — Agriculture Secretary John Block has said the U.S. needed to work out a comprehensive approach to supplying food aid to Poland instead of applying stop-gap measures designed to patch up short-term problems.

No decision had been made on Poland's request for emergency grain shipment, but it was being discussed at the highest levels of government, he said in a television interview.

The president is aware of it. Everyone's aware of it, but there's no decision on precisely how to handle it. 'What's important is how we are going to approach this stop-gap measure', he said.

wanted such a pact, although no time or place had been set for talks.

"I hope that a date is established toward the end of this month and right now the administration is in agreement that we move forward with discussions, providing the Soviets would like to do this," he said.

Block said the Carter administration's grain embargo, imposed in 1979 after Russian troops entered Afghanistan, had damaged the U.S.-Soviet grain trade relationship.

"We're going to have to prove ourselves to be reliable trading partners. We'll be looking toward developing normalized agricultural trade relationship with the Soviet Union", he said.

On a domestic issue, Block said the Mediterranean fruit fly infestation in California was coming under control. Crop losses would not be significant, but there was the possibility of damage to international sales of produce from California and other states.

"We really need to have a comprehensive plan for the whole of Poland and that's another and much bigger issue."

Block said unless an overall approach was worked out, the United States would be just 'throwing patches and band-aids over the problem'. On the issue of a U.S.-Soviet grain agreement, Block said he believed Moscow

Gulf Oil raising \$5b loan

NEW YORK, July 20 (R) — The Gulf Oil Corporation is arranging a \$5 billion credit, banking sources said Monday, amid speculation that it might join in the world's biggest takeover battle.

The financing is the latest in a string of substantial borrowing arrangements by U.S. oil companies, several of them connected with the battle to acquire the Conoco Oil Company, ninth largest in the United States.

The sources said Gulf's credit was being arranged with a group of banks led by Bankers Trust Company, but were unable to comment on the terms or its purpose.

Gulf itself and Bankers Trust declined to comment on reports of the financing. Jack

Morris, Gulf vice-president for Finance, said the company would probably be unable to comment before the middle of the week.

Seagram, the Canadian company whose U.S. subsidiary made the first bid for Conoco, had already arranged most of a \$3.3 billion credit. Other firms with large borrowings arranged include Texaco, whose \$5.5 billion financing is believed to be designed to support a possible bid for Conoco. Conoco itself has arranged a \$3 billion credit line to defend itself, if necessary, against an unfriendly bidder. Marathon Oil has lined up a \$5 billion credit. Pennzoil has arranged \$2.5 billion and cities service company is reported to have \$1 billion.



GAME GUNS: Two new ranges of game guns, the "Clasworth Grande Luxe," and the "Bowwood de Luxe" have been introduced by an English firm. Handbuilt, they possess a unique balance and finish. Both guns are side-by-side double-barrelled box-lock ejector shotguns available in 12, 20 or 28 bores with barrels 63 cms to 76 cms in length.

In Pakistan

Islamic banks one-up on others

KARACHI, July 20 (R) — First results of Pakistan's six-month-old experiment in Islamic banking revealed that bank customers who had deposited their money under the interest-free Islamic system earned more than if conventional interest had been calculated.

The results, announced by four of Pakistan's five nationalized commercial banks Sunday, show that returns to depositors using special interest-free accounts varied from 8.5 percent a year for savings accounts to 15.25 percent for fixed deposits of more than five years. If the money had been deposited in conventional interest-bearing accounts the returns would have been 7.5 percent a year for savings accounts and up to 12 percent for fixed deposits of more than five years.

The interest-free accounts are known as profit and loss (PLS) accounts because depositors share in the profit or loss made by their banks' use of the funds in investment. The profit or loss is calculated twice a year. The PLS accounts were introduced last Jan. 1 as part of President Zia-ul-Haq's plans to 'Islamize' Pakistan's 80 million Muslim

population. Interest payments are forbidden under strict Islamic law.

The figures announced by the banks at separate press conferences were the first calculated on the basis of the profit or loss made by use of the PLS deposits which are kept separate from other deposits.

Banking sources said when the scheme was announced the government told the bankers they had a responsibility to ensure that it compares favorably with the results from interest-bearing accounts.

Conventional interest-bearing accounts still make up the overwhelming majority of bank deposits in Pakistan.

A Pakistani government spokesman said since the scheme was introduced about three billion rupees (\$300 million) had been deposited in PLS accounts, about 4.5 percent of Pakistan's total bank deposits. Banking sources said the number of accounts might have risen to around 500,000.

France unearths post-office swindle

PARIS, July 20 (AFP) — Police were Monday investigating a nation-wide post-office swindle carried out by members of a gang who all carried identity papers in the name of a "Gerard Hautefeuille".

Hautefeuille was recorded systematically visiting 50 post-offices daily in various parts of France, each time drawing out a sum of 1,900 francs (\$350) from a savings account.

Postal officials became suspicious when they discovered there was no such account in this name, and that it was physically impossible for the same man to be in so many places at once. They called in the police and at the same time warned all their staff to watch out for any Hautefeuille trying to withdraw money.

On Saturday police pounced on four "Mr. Hautefeuille's" in southern France and a "Madame Hautefeuille". They recorded the activities of half-a-dozen other members of the gang, using the same name, in northern France.

Police said that Paris taxi driver Daniel Gauthier admitted that he, and at least a

Tokyo to lend Dacca \$118m

TOKYO, July 20 (AP) — Japan will lend 27,250 million yen, equivalent to \$118 million to Bangladesh to help develop its economy, the foreign ministry said Monday.

The ministry said of the total, 17,500 million yen (\$76 million) will be for commodity loans and the remaining 9,750 million yen (\$42.4 million) for a Chittagong urea fertilizer project. The loans carry an annual interest of 1.25 percent and will be repaid in 30 years, including the grace period of 10 years, it said.

Financial Roundup

Riyal, dollar forge ahead

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, July 20 — The American dollar opened very strong on European financial markets Monday and gains were recorded against the yen and French franc. Sterling continued to be volatile at 1.87 levels and the German mark showed no signs of improvement. The basic factor contributing toward the dollar's strengthening continued to be rises in American dollar interest rates which rose by a further 1/4 percent in most tenors.

Locally, riyal deposit rates rose yet again for the second consecutive day with most rises being registered in the short periods. Some very active trading was reported in the exchange riyal dollar markets which took prices to 3.41 25-35 at one stage. Gold slipped back in the face of the strong dollar, to be quoted at \$413 - 414 per ounce by mid-day Monday in London.

With U.S. dollar interest rates continuing to remain stable and even firm in most tenors, the dollar had another good performance on the European exchange markets. Eurodollar deposit rates were briskly dealt and dealers noted strong demand for both short and medium term dollar deposits as institutions feared that they might be caught by further dollar interest rate rises in the coming few days. One-month Eurodollar deposit rates opened at 18 11/16 - 18 13/16 percent with some banks paying up to 1/4 percent higher in some instances. In general, the three-month dollar rate remained an attractive proposition at also 18 11/16 - 18 13/16 percent.

On the European exchanges, the French franc fell further against the dollar, to be quoted at 5.82 levels by mid-day in Paris. This is quite a rapid fall for the French cur-

rency given Friday closing levels of 5.78. Some initial determined French Central Bank support of the franc soon petered out with the French authorities waiting to see how far the dollar's advance would continue. (The highest level reached by the dollar during the recent dollar rises was around 1.86 levels against the French franc).

The Japanese yen was quoted at 233.10 — a further 100 points drop over Friday closing prices and dealers are already speculating at 2.44 to 2.45 levels with little Bundesbank support, while the British pound fluctuated at 1.8730 — 1.8700 for most of the day. British pound fluctuated at 1.8700 for most of the day. The Swiss currency was affected by the German mark's fall and traded at 2.0980 levels.

On the local scene, riyal deposit rates were in strong demand, especially for the short tenors which took week fixed to nearly 18 percent at one stage, but in general dealing was concentrated in the one and two-month tenors. One-month JIBOR rates opened at 16 1/4 — 17 1/4 percent levels, but by soon reached 17 1/4 — 17 3/4 percent levels in some active trading. The two-month rate was quoted at 16 1/4 — 17 1/4 percent with one year standing at 16 - 16 1/2 percent. At such levels, the cost of local overdrafts should be reaching the 20 percent level. On the local exchange markets, Spot riyal/dollar rates opened at 3.4110-20, but very quickly went up to 3.4120-35 in some instances with major interest in dollar purchases out of Bahrain with the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency — SAMA closing its doors to further commercial dollar rates to local banks very soon due to the Eid holidays, most institutions were trying to position themselves for the break in dollar purchases from the monetary agency.

Reagan's job rating takes a dip

NEW YORK, July 20 (AP) — Six months in office, President Ronald Reagan's rating on handling the nation's economy has slipped, along with Americans' confidence that any president can halt the inflationary spiral, an Associated Press news poll says.

But the public's support for Reagan's plan to slash federal income taxes by 25 percent over the next three years remains strong, even though it has declined a bit, too.

The poll, based on telephone interviews with 1,599 adults across the country July 13-14, also said the public is concerned that Reagan has not spelled out his foreign policies, which have taken a back seat to domestic issues in the first six months.

Overall rating of Reagan's performance has fallen. Fifty-five percent rated Reagan's work overall good or excellent, compared with 60 percent in May.

Foreign policy is developing into a weak spot for Reagan in public opinion. Fifty-one percent of those questioned agreed that Reagan "has failed to make clear just what his foreign policies are." Thirty-two percent disagreed and 17 percent were not sure.

Reagan's marks are similar to former President Jimmy Carter's rating on foreign policy during the first six months of his tenure, but on the economy, Reagan scored slightly higher marks than Carter.

Peru to urge U.S. to stall silver sale

LIMA, July 20 (R) — Peru is coordinating with Canada and Mexico to try and persuade the United States not to go ahead with the planned sale of 93 million ounces of silver from its reserves, Peruvian Foreign Minister Javier Arias Stella has said.

The Peruvian and Mexican foreign ministries have instructed their ambassadors in Washington to present a formal request to

the U.S. government, Arias told newsmen.

Mexico is the world's largest silver producer and Peru the fourth. Both have said they would be seriously hit if the U.S. government went ahead with its planned sale.

Peru earned \$800 million in silver exports last year and due to falling prices it expects the figure to be almost halved this year, Arias added.

Passport Lost

A French Passport No. 0328990 belong to Mr. Kamous Salem Abdu has been lost. Finder please deliver it to French Embassy Jeddah.

SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Authority	Description	Tender No.	Price SR	Date	Closing
Municipality of Jeddah	Extension of stormwater disposal northern canal to the sea	30	25000		10.8.81
"	Lighting and pavements for certain streets and lanes	31	10000		11.8.81
Directorate of Municipal and Rural Affairs in the Southern Region	Temporary asphaltting in Abha and the associated villages	—	500		12.9.81

PORTS AUTHORITY

JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT
SHIPS MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS ON 20TH JULY 81/19TH RAMADHAN 1401

Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Date of Arrival
2.	Pearl Ace	A.E.T.	Vehicles	19.7.81
3.	Royal Star	O.C.E.	Reefer	14.7.81
4.	Kassian Glory	Alsabab	Bagged Barley	16.7.81
5.	Grand Success	Barnodah	Bagged Barley	16.7.81
6.	Al Salimiah	Kanoo	Contra/Gen.	19.7.81
7.	Sanata Teresa	A.E.T.	General/Contra.	17.7.81
8.	Sae Ma Eum	Babodah	Reefer	4.7.81
9.	Eitoki Maru	O.C.E.	Bagged Sugar	13.7.81
10.	Ocean Mercury	Al Sabab	Sorghum/Pepper/Timber	17.7.81
11.	New Sawn	Baghdadi	General	12.7.81
12.	Antakya	O.C.E.	General	19.7.81
13.	Lanka Ratna	Gulf	Tea/General	18.7.81
14.	Kai Maru	Alireza	Contra.	19.7.81
15.	Zeus 1	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	18.7.81
16.	Grena	Alsabab	Bulk Cement	18.7.81
17.	Union Baltimore	O.C.E.	Pwood/Steel/Contra.	17.7.81
18.	Ngomel Chau	Alatas	Dura	12.7.81
19.	Lara 5	Kanoo	Rice/Flour/Polys	19.7.81
20.	Anemos	M.T.A.	Contra.	"
21.	Concordia Taleb	Alsabab	General/Contra.	18.7.81
22.	Elafiah	O.C.E.	Reefer	8.7.81
23.	Dauntless	Alsabab	Bagged barley	16.7.81
24.	Edinburgh Universal	Star	Reefer	14.7.81
25.	Saronic Reefer	O.C.E.	Reefer	22.6.81
26.	Hilco Scamper	Star	Reefer	16.7.81
27.	Midas Rhein	Gulf	Timber	19.7.81
28.	Jutlandia	Barber	Contra.	18.7.81
29.	Frigo Africa	Star	Reefer	16.7.81
30.	Nippon Ham Maru No. 1	O.C.E.	Reefer	11.7.81
31.	Al Salimiah	Kanoo	Gen/Contra.	19.7.81
32.	Okpo Pioneer	Alatas	Gen/Cement/Excavt.	11.7.81
33.	Ro Ro Al Riyad	O.Trade	Tim/Pwood/P.Oil/Gen.	10.7.81

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SHIPS MOVEMENT UPTO 0700 HOURS OF 19.9.1401/20.7.1981 CHANGES FOR THE PAST 24 HOURS:

1.	Bader-14	Globe	Loading Wheat	18.7.1981
2.	Astor	Ori	General	18.7.81
3.	Crafts Man	Kanoo	General	17.7.81
4.	Gemala	Gossabi	Loading urea	18.7.81
5.	Saudi Cloud	Ori	maize	14.7.81
6.	Hoogh Calm	Kanoo	Gen/Contra/Timber	18.7.81
7.	Toesta	USP	Gen/Steel	19.7.81
8.	Ionian Leadership	Barber	Timber	19.7.81
9.	Federal Sumida	SEA	Plywood/Timber	17.7.81
10.	Jaldoot ashook	Barber	General	7.7.81
11.	Cma Gora	Kanoo	General	19.7.81
12.	Muang Pugiand	Ori	General	10.7.81
13.	Fort Carleton	Saite	Steel/Sheets	18.8.81
14.	Leastancia (DB)	Alsabab	Bulk Cement	15.7.81
15.	Sunny Island (DB)	AET	Bulk Cement	12.7.81
16.	Berge, Unicement	Globe	Cement Silo Vessel	30.10.80

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Monday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	—	9.75	9.0550
Bangladesh Taka (100)	—	—	15.10
Belgian Franc (1,000)	85.00	—	86.10
Canadian Dollar	2.84	—	2.83
Denmark Mark (100)	139.00	140.10	139.15
Dutch Guilder (100)	125.00	—	125.00
Egyptian Pound	—	4.00	4.22
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	93.50	93.00
French Franc (100)	59.00	59.00	58.70
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	61.00	57.60
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	38.15
Iranian Ryal (100)	—	25.00	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	8.00	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	28.00	28.80	28.150
Japanese Yen (1,000)	14.80	—	14.70
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.19	10.1350
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.11	12.06
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	77.50	77.00
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	65.00	63.20
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.57
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	43.35
Pound Sterling	6.24	6.44	6.39
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	94.00	93.85
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	157.70
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	—	35.15
Swiss Franc (100)	163.00	163.60	162.35
Syrian Lira (100)	—	33.50	—
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—	66.90
U.S. Dollar	3.41	3.4190	3.4120
Yemeni Ryal (100)	—	75.50	74.75

	Selling Price	Buying Price
Gold kg.	45,600	45,400
10 Tolas bar	5,350	5,250
Ounce	1,435	1,400

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2 near death in Maze

Britain rules out talks with IRA men

BELFAST, July 20 (AP) — Hopes for a rapid end to the stalemate at Maze Prison dissolved Monday after Republican prisoners and British authorities reaffirmed that they would not alter their positions on the continuing hunger strike, there in which six have died and two were reported near death.

Despite the arrival of a delegation of the International Red Cross to study detention conditions at Maze, British Secretary of State for Northern Ireland Humphrey Atkins reiterated that London would not negotiate with the prisoners, who meanwhile requested their demands for direct negotiations.

But observers said that a compromise remained possible since Britain has indicated willingness to improve prison conditions once the hunger strike ends, and the Republican detainees have dropped their formal demand for political prisoner status, maintaining only demands concerning the right to wear their own clothes, to be free of forced labor and to assemble in small groups.

In the Maze Prison hospital Monday, Kieran Doherty, recently elected to the Irish Parliament, was reported near death on the 60th day of his hunger strike, republican sources said, and Kevin Lynch was reported in very weak condition on his 59th day without food or medical care.

The sources said the question of replacing the two dying prisoners was already being considered in order to maintain a total of eight hunger strikers at Maze.

Meanwhile in the Irish Republic, where agitation over Northern Ireland has continued unabated, news reports indicated that the government of Prime Minister Garret Fitzgerald had intensified pressure on London to work for a rapid solution to the hunger strike.

Brief but violent clashes broke out between Republican demonstrators and police Monday in two Irish towns near the northern Irish frontier, Castleblayney and Meaghann, and authorities have expressed concern that the Republican movement in the north may be attempting to carry the confrontation south of the border.

Several stores and public buildings were damaged in Monday's rioting. Meanwhile, more demonstrations of support for the hunger strikers are planned in the Irish

Republic for next Saturday, to the concern of the government.

Officials in Dublin said the final tally of casualties in the rioting Saturday as demonstrators tried to get to the British Embassy was 290 persons injured, including 170 policemen.

Beyond the risk of renewed violence, the new Fitzgerald government with its razor-edge majority would be placed in a very difficult position by the death of Kieran Doherty.

Unconfirmed reports have indicated that a second Republican prisoner elected to parliament, Paddy Agnew, could resign upon the death of Doherty. This would result in by-elections for the two vacant seats.

Fitzgerald condemned Saturday's protesters, saying they had come "prepared for trouble" and said his government would consider whether a march planned for next weekend in support of the hunger strikers should be allowed.

An estimated 10,000 supporters of the hunger strike marched on the British Embassy near central Dublin Saturday and clashed with 1,000 policemen blocking their path.

The marchers bombarded police with gasoline bombs, bricks, iron bars and even bicycles before the police, carrying shields and clubs, charged into the crowd. A dozen cars and taxis were set on fire as the confrontation broke up into a series of running battles.

It was the worst violence in Dublin since a 1972 riot that followed the killing of 12 Roman Catholic civil rights marchers by paratroopers in Northern Ireland. A building used by the British mission in Dublin "was gutted in the rioting."

Justice Minister Jim Mitchell told reporters after a top-level meeting with police chiefs there were no immediate plans to ban marches.

Police said there was sporadic violence Sunday in Londonderry, Northern Ireland's second-largest city, but the rest of province was reported quiet.

The overwhelmingly Catholic Irish Republican Army is fighting to end Protestant-dominated Northern Ireland's status as a British province and reunite it with the Irish Republic, which is 97 percent Catholic.

As poll draws closer

Greek Socialists gain popularity

ATHENS, July 20 (AP) — As autumn elections draw closer, Greek conservatives are mustering their forces to face a strong Socialist challenge after 30 years of almost uninterrupted rule.

The present government of the New Democracy Party — first under its founder, Constantine Karamanlis, and since May 1980 under Premier George Rallis — has been in power for seven years. It now faces the growing popularity of the main opposition party, the Panhellenic Socialist.

The fiery Socialist oratory of the 62-year-old Papandreu and his anti-NATO, anti-Common Market platform, contrasts sharply with the mild-mannered Rallis. With the possibility of gaining power, Papandreu has moderated some of his stands. His party's

slogan is "change."

That appeals to public dissatisfaction with inflation of around 25 percent for the last two years, and other day-to-day irritations. The New Democracy Party, which holds a 177-seat majority in the 300-member single chamber of parliament, against the Socialists' 94 seats, is not prepared to give in easily.

At an extraordinary party congress at the end of June, Rallis bid for unity by naming Defense Minister Evangelos Averoff-Tositsas as his deputy premier. Averoff-Tositsas had been his opponent for party leader when Karamanlis is bowed out to become head of state last year.

Rallis also announced an 11-point program for the coming four years, promising the protection of national sovereignty, economic development, more opportunities for equality of women in society and better welfare benefits for the elderly and children.

Papandreu, a former economics professor in the United States, has called for educational changes, including a simplification of the examination system, the separation of the powerful Greek orthodox church from the state, and sweeping social reforms including the introduction of civil marriages, legal abortion, and salaries and pensions linked to the rate of inflation.

"Change" is also the slogan of the third most powerful party, the Moscow-line Communist Party of Greece, which holds 11 parliamentary seats. It is aiming for an increased share in the next elections, which are held under a complicated "reinforced proportional" system.

The smaller parties, made up of extreme right- and left-wing groups, and a center faction splintered into three groups, have little hope of influencing the main struggle.

WANTED FOR MURDER of H-BLOCK PRISONERS

MARGARET THATCHER

PROTEST IN OTTAWA: One of about 250 IRA supporters who demonstrated outside the British High Commission in Ottawa Sunday holds up his message to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher even though she was nowhere near the demonstration. They were protesting her presence in Canada and her policies in Northern Ireland.

Agca admits shooting Pope, disputes Italian jurisdiction

ROME, July 20 (AP) — Turkish terrorist Mehmet Ali Agca Monday admitted that he shot Pope John Paul II on May 13, but contested the right of an Italian court to try him for the crime.

On the opening day of his trial, the 23-year-old defendant also claimed his life had been threatened in Italian jails and since his arrest, he was subjected to "inhuman" conditions.

Reading a statement in Turkish, which was officially translated into Italian for the court,

was allowed to address the court from his bullet-proof defendant's booth. The convicted Turkish terrorist said: "I have lived for 60 days in inhuman conditions. I don't know if I am in a medieval jail or a jail of a democratic country." At the end of the trial, a jury of two women and four men will decide whether or not Agca is guilty as charged.

Neither Agca's five-minute statement to the court nor transcripts of prosecutors' interrogations read to the jury shed any new light on the attack or gave firm evidence of any international conspiracy. "I am an international terrorist. I've been helped by Bulgarian, Iranian and English terrorists but I've never been used by anyone," he told the prosecutors, according to the transcripts.

The Turkish terrorist, in his remarks, also threatened to go on hunger strike beginning Dec. 20 if the Italian government refuses to give up its jurisdiction.

He said he was giving the government five months to make up its mind and demanded a written response to his request. "I will continue to resist," he told the court. "The trial is over. I thank you all."

The Turk, dressed in a green shirt and grey trousers, stood impassively as scores of photographers snapped photos and yelled out his name, scuffling with courtroom guards.

The court had to plead for silence over loud speakers shouting the trial to order. The more than 200 journalists from all over the world attending the trial in the 34-block court house complex near Monte Mario had to walk through metal detectors, wear special passes near their photographs and exhibit press documents to gain access.

Agca, whom police describe as a cool, self-disciplined professional gunman, insists he acted alone in the May 13 attack. But police say they are convinced someone helped him, perhaps by giving him money to travel around Europe and North Africa after his escape from a jail in his native Turkey in 1979.

Agca had ties to various right-wing groups in Turkey, but Italian police say he claims he is an independent terrorist acting on his own behalf, neither a leftist nor a rightist. "Ideology doesn't interest me," police quote him as telling them. "It is action that fascinates me, I wanted to do something grandiose for the good of humanity."

The trial is expected to run only a few days and end with Agca's condemnation to life imprisonment, the maximum sentence under the Italian penal code. He could escape a life sentence if he is declared psychologically irresponsible. But the chances of this are considered slim because of Agca's repeated insistence after his capture that his actions had been "perfectly lucid and responsible."

Much of the trial is expected to concern the question of a plot: Whether Agca acted alone and if not, who armed him and why? It was not known what line of defense Agca's court-appointed lawyer, Pietro D'Ovidio, would follow. The lawyer has told newsmen that Agca had not supplied any information that could help his case.

The prisoner is already wanted in Turkey where he murdered a newspaper editor in 1979. Turkish authorities sentenced him to death in absentia after he escaped from a top-security jail.

He is charged here with five offenses: Attempting to take the Pope's life on May 13, wounding two American women who were hit by stray bullets, illegally carrying arms, traveling under a false identity and entering Italy illegally on a forged passport.

Pope remains weak in hospital

ROME, July 20 (AP) — Pope John Paul was still in hospital Monday, his doctors unable to say when he will be well enough to leave. Recent medical bulletins have taken on an optimistic tone and each week the Pope has sounded stronger and in better spirits in the taped messages broadcast every Sunday to the crowd in St. Peter's Square.

But visitors who saw him face to face in the last few days have told Reuters that he still moves with difficulty and looks a shadow of his former self. "He looked very, very old sitting in his chair and moved slowly and with difficulty," said one, who declined to be named. "He is obviously still suffering a great deal."

From Vatican and hospital sources a picture emerges of the Pope's day which shows how dramatically the shooting has reduced his previously remarkable vigor and momentum. Most days the Pope wakes at an early hour and says mass with his closest aides, usually his private secretaries.

Medical spokesmen say he is eating quite normally, all his meals consisting of ordinary hospital fare, but his appetite fluctuates. During the morning he receives the Vatican secretary of state, now running the Vatican's daily affairs.

His doctors say this is good progress for a badly wounded man of 61. But it is still a far cry from his old routine. Planned visits to Mexico, Spain, Switzerland and France have been canceled and the previously high profile the papacy maintained in world affairs has shrunk.

In the immediate future, the Pope still faces a major operation to reverse a temporary colostomy and repair his digestive system. The doctors will not say when that will be. The scarcity of information from both the hospital and the Vatican about the short and long-term prognosis has prompted both rumor and criticism in the Italian and foreign press.

Agca said: "On May 13 I was inside the confines of the Vatican when I shot the chief of state of the Vatican. I don't agree to be tried by an Italian court."

Agca, who has grown a full black beard in his two months in confinement, addressed the court just after the chief judge rejected a defense motion claiming Italy had no jurisdiction in the case. Relations between Italy and the Holy See are governed by the 1929 Lateran Pact which provides for trial for crimes committed inside Vatican city.

Agca, in his long statement, said he would refuse to answer any questions put to him by the court, insisting that only the Vatican can try him. "For me, the trial is over," he said. Earlier, Agca in an outburst had claimed he was tortured and, after a 10-minute recess,

2nd African summit seeks help from West

SALISBURY, July 20 (R) — Leaders of nine African countries began a summit meeting Monday by denouncing South African activities and appealing to the industrialized world to help to formulate a new economic order.

The second summit of the Southern African Development Coordination Conference (SADCC), which groups Zimbabwe, Zambia, Tanzania, Malawi, Angola, Switzerland, Botswana, Mozambique and Lesotho, was opened by Zimbabwe Prime Minister Robert Mugabe, who accused South Africa of assuming a warlike posture against its black neighbors.

Three SADCC states, Zambia, Mozambique and Angola had been the victims of major incursions by South African forces, he said. South Africa was also training "renegades and traitors" from those countries and Zimbabwe to promote subversion, he said.

South Africa's racial segregation policy of apartheid was a dangerous phenomenon that threatened the security, stability and orderly development of the countries of the region, Mugabe said. The SADCC was formed in Lusaka last year to promote economic cooperation among southern African black countries and reduce their dependence on South Africa, the dominant power in the region.

Mugabe said the economic future of the SADCC region was also blighted by a world economic order in which industrialized nations were in a straitjacket of their own monetarist ideologies. They were mesmerized by theory, he said. "The refusal of the industrialized world to countenance the massive transfer of resources that the Third World so urgently requires is morally indefensible and extremely short-sighted," he said.

As leaders of the world's seven industrial powers started a summit in Canada, Mugabe said the SADCC was not holding out a begging bowl. The region was rich in resources, while many enterprises in the industrialized world were working below capacity. "We are willing to come to an agreement by which our resources can be made available, provided this happened in a way consistent with our development objectives," he said.

The chairman of the meeting, President Quett Masire of Botswana, expressed concern about East-West tension spilling into Africa. He questioned whether the superpowers were "looking for a new theater in which to wage their wars by proxy." Conflict threatening to engulf the southern African region he said.

Iran 'raids' Iraqi dam

NICOSIA, July 20 (AP) — Iran claimed its air force raided the Dukan Dam in northeast Iraq Sunday causing heavy damage to its hydroelectric installations. Iraq counterclaimed the Iranian jets were repulsed and then a U.S.-made F-5 of the Iranian Air Force was brought down by anti-aircraft fire.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

The house was finally completed. The family was preparing to move in. Only some final touches before it was perfect. Then the wife — an otherwise very reasonable lady — had a tantrum. The lounge, she said, had to be the color of smoked salmon. The husband's protests were squashed. The architect was silenced with an icy stare. Smoked salmon it had to be and nothing else.

The painter was brought in. Get some pots of smoked-salmon paint and start on the lounge, there's a good fellow. Smoked salmon, she said, had to be the color of smoked salmon. The husband's protests were squashed. The architect was silenced with an icy stare. Smoked salmon it had to be and nothing else.

Look, said the lady of the new house. You start mixing your paints and I'll tell you when you've reached smoked salmon. Aim at something pinkish, and soft.

Pinkish and soft coming up, the house painter said, and started pouring. And pouring and pouring and pouring. Now it was too pink, now too red, now too light, now too dark. Pots and pots were wasted. No results as far as the lady was concerned.

Finally, with enough wasted paint to cover a train station, the lady had another tantrum. I've got it, she said. I mean smoked salmon. Right here in the fridge. So what am I doing trying to tell you a color. You can see for yourself, then do the right mix.

She brought the noble piece of fish from the fridge and the painter set to work. Now, they both thought, the thing will be done in no time.

What they didn't take into account was the delicacy of the fish, the change of color it undergoes as it is exposed to air. So each time the man thought he got it exactly right, he'd look again and see he had to add something to the mix. Which got darker and darker as the fish did ditto.

Late in the afternoon the fish was almost completely black, and smelling slightly. The wife came in to inspect the results and immediately burst into tears. The husband came from work and went into a violent rage. Accused the painter of ruining his favorite fish. The painter said it was the fault of the lady — and so it went.

Translated from Ashraf Al Awad

Chinese keep watch along swollen river

PEKING, July 20 (R) — Thousands of Chinese stood guard along the swollen Yangtze River Monday ready to reinforce dykes after the worst floods for more than a generation in the Sichuan province upstream. As far downstream as the great seaport of Shanghai, more than 1,500 kms from the stricken areas, workers and peasants were ordered to be prepared for possible further flooding.

Shanghai's main newspaper, *The Wen Hui Bao*, said the authorities had warned of a flood threat to China's largest city at the end of this month if the Yangtze floodwaters coincided with spring tides due at that time and a typhoon.

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